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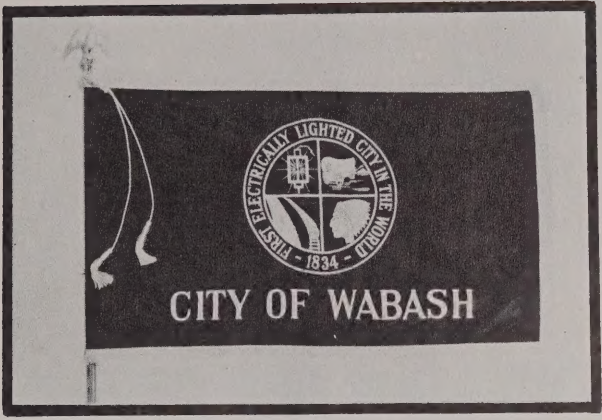
FIRST ELECTRICALLY LIGHTED CITY IN THE WORLD
1834
CITY OF WABASH

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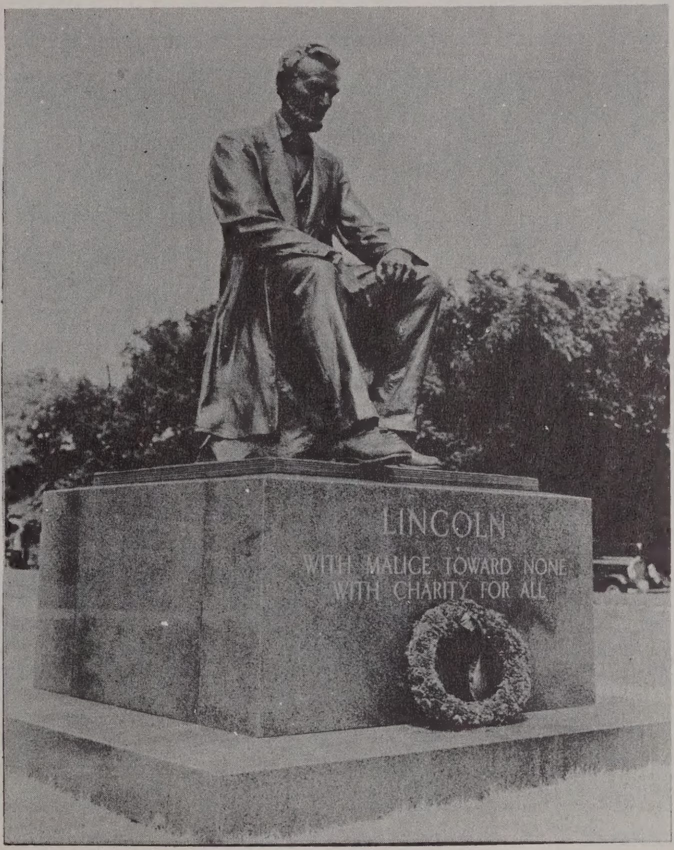
Often the scenic beauty of our daily surroundings passes unnoticed, but this river view, looking east from the Wabash Street bridge, reassures us of nature's splendor.

ON THE BANKS OF THE WABASH . . .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WITH MALICE TOWARD NONE
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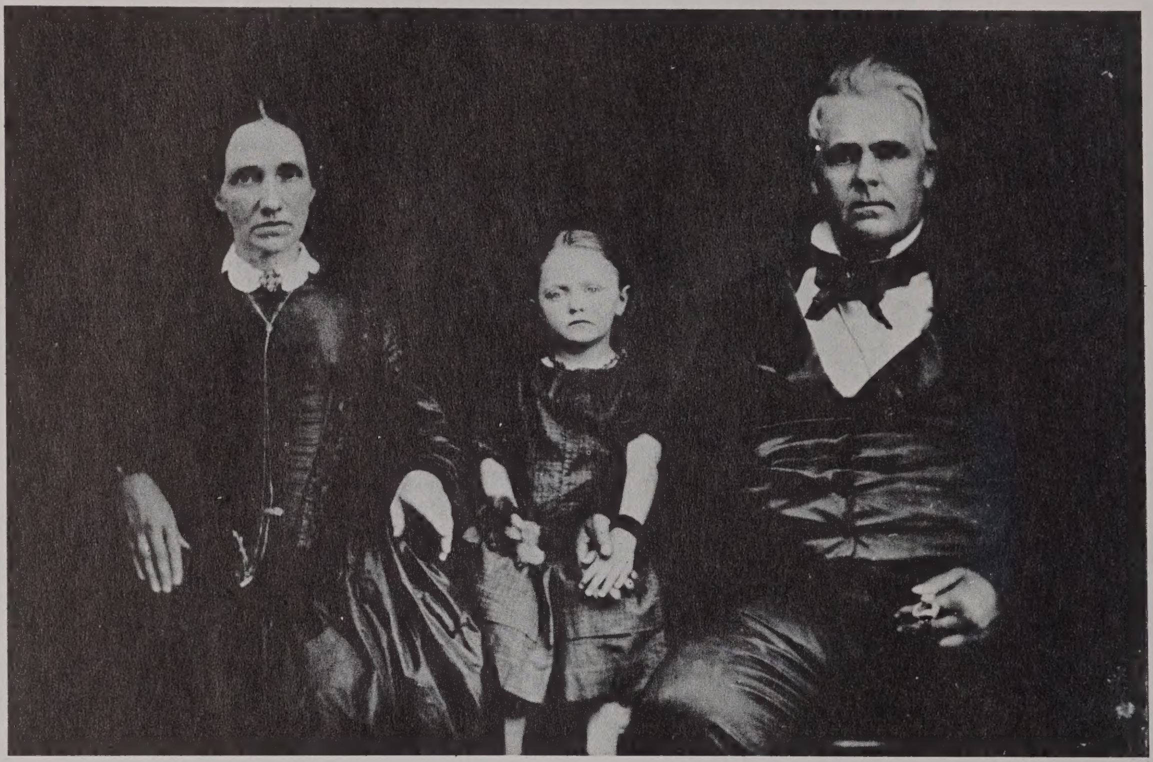
ABRAHAM LINCOLN
MEMORIAL STATUE

On our Court House lawn—a sculptor's vision, a philanthropist's gift, and the impressive likeness of a great statesman.

—*Alexander New, donor,* 1932



Hugh Hanna, wife, and
youngest daughter

To our history—this man means as much as any early settler. In 1834, he and David Burr laid out the town of Wabash.

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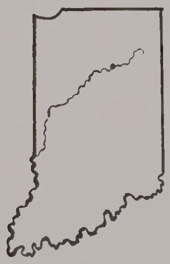
A Sesquitennial
Publication



Meet Mr. Wabash, 1950

"On the Banks of the Wabash"

Wabash **Indiana**

In the Beginning - - -

Early in July the publisher met with the Board of Directors of the Wabash Chamber of Commerce and presented the idea of a pictorial narrative of Wabash. At this meeting, the publisher said: "The aim is to show through pictures the progress of Mr. and Mrs. Wabash and children during the last one hundred and fifty years." The Board of Directors enthusiastically welcomed the idea as an important contribution to the community in the Sesquicentennial celebration and has supported the project wholeheartedly through each stage. The farm groups, industrial groups, churches, fraternal clubs, patriotic societies and other civic organizations quickly joined in cooperation.

The design of the cover of the finished publication suggests the contribution of each group to our progress: the Scout, the pastor, the farmer, the orchardist, the canal builder, the railroader, the industrialist, the soldier and the citizens of today. To keep pace with the ever-changing scene, one must run as he reads, for the Erie Canal soon gave way to the on-rushing railroad; the glow of candles, to the electric lights; the "cracker-barrel" discussions, to the debating societies and to the Great Books study groups; the high front wheel bicycle, to the motor cycle; the horse and buggy, to the automobile; the chautauquas, to the choruses and community programs.

To follow the progress of Mr. and Mrs. Wabash is to see them in the American democratic way of life and living at *home,* at *school,* in *business* or *farming,* at *church* or in *Government.* At work, at play, in brotherly love and in worship they live abundantly.

To list completely those who have contributed to the success of this enterprise is impossible. Invaluable aid, however, was furnished by Mrs. Leola Hockett, Curator of the Wabash County Museum, in providing data for the early years. The beginnings of Community Recreation were correlated by Mr. Owen J. Neighbours. Officials of cooperating groups supplied expert assistance when needed. We are especially appreciative of the Pratt Studio without whose constant cooperation this book could not have been. To members of the staff there is recognition of vital service: to Miss Jean Vice, who drew the cover design and illustrations; to Miss Joyce Marks, for lay-out and the mounting of photographs; to Tom and Bill Bowman for editorial assistance in picturing the life of Mr. and Mrs. Wabash in the city; to Jerry Stouffer for aid in portraying their life on the farm; to Mrs. Ruth Stouffer and John Nixon for photography. Because of the age of some of the reproduced prints, results have not always been what we desired, but we did consider reproduction of original pictures desirable to show early life and peoples.

It has been a pleasure to all of us to prepare this book. We hope that you will not only enjoy it, but also that the book will contribute to better understanding of Mr. and Mrs. Wabash and their family and the activities and organizations in the community.

John R. Rockwell
EDITOR AND PUBLISHER

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Presbyterian Church
Organized 1836

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First Friends Church, organized 1848

Christian Church, organized 1842

THE CENTENNIAL CHURCHES

First Methodist Church
Organized 1837

Mr. Honeywell chats with Jerry Durnbaugh as the doors to the roller skating rink open for the first time.

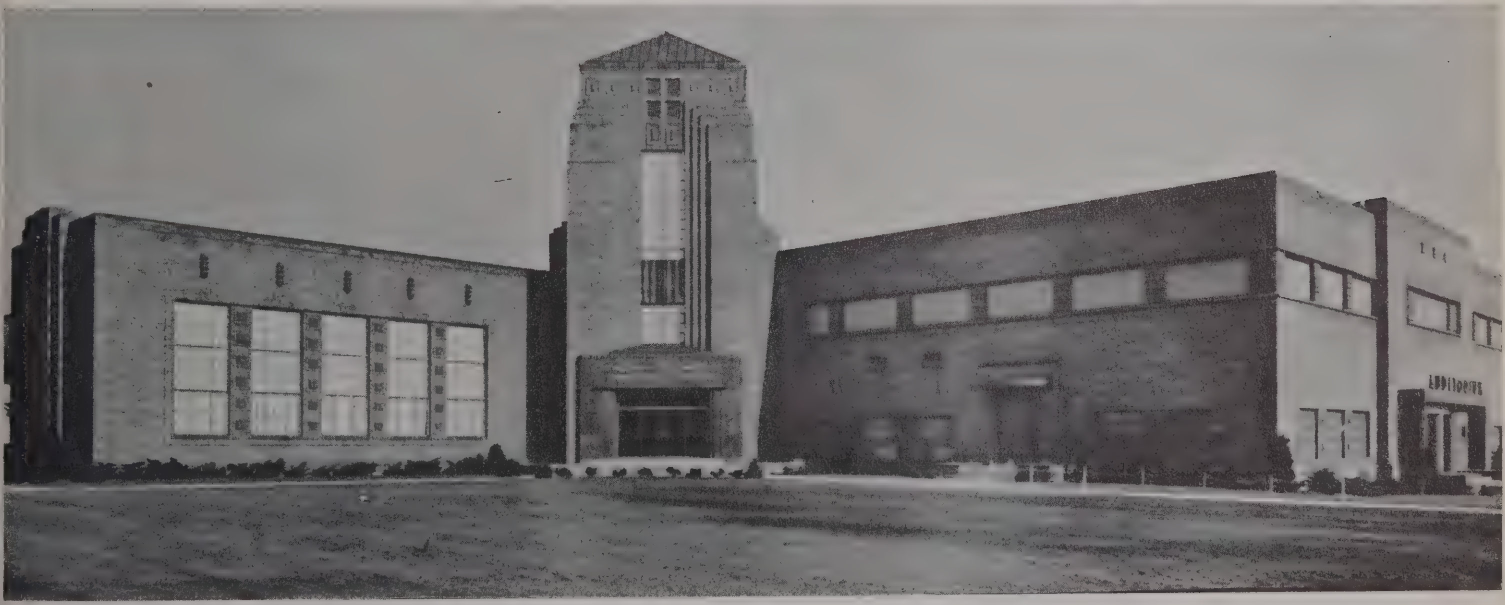
A near-capacity crowd watched the Wabash Apaches break-in the gymnasium on November 19, 1947.

Such activities as the Turtle Derby indicate the almost limitless use of the gymnasium and auditorium.

An educational, as well as a recreational, center for the community of Wabash County—the Home Economic women are busy refinishing furniture.

For our community—a building in which all walks of life meet and all ages of man, either as participants or spectators, find facilities with which they may enjoy their leisure time. An edifice which has truly set our community aside from others. A memorial of which we all can rightfully be proud.

HONEYWELL MEMORIAL COMMUNITY CENTER



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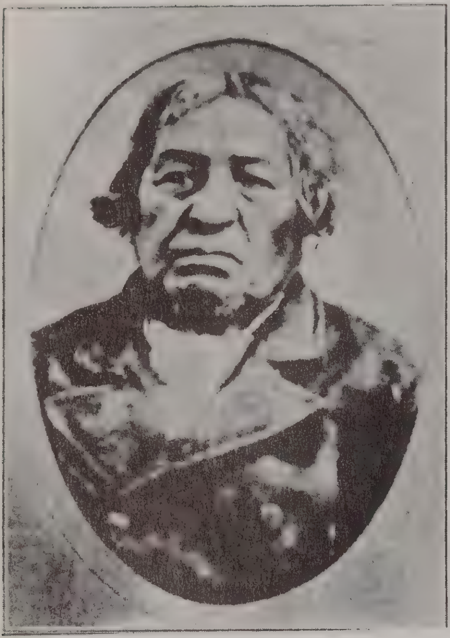

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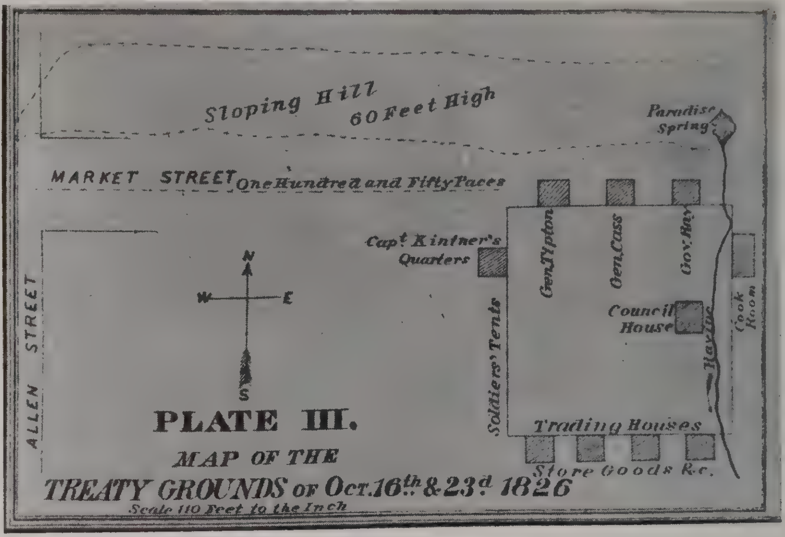
Last tribal chief of the Miamis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60 Feet High
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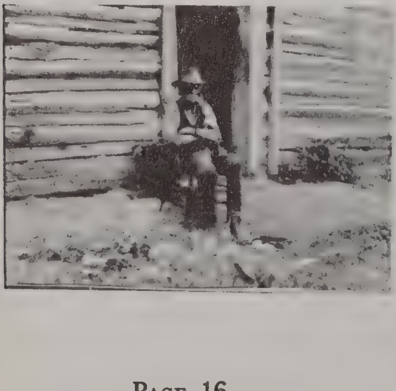
PLATE III.
MAP OF THE
TREATY GROUNDS OF OCT. 16th & 23d 1826
Scale 110 Feet to the Inch

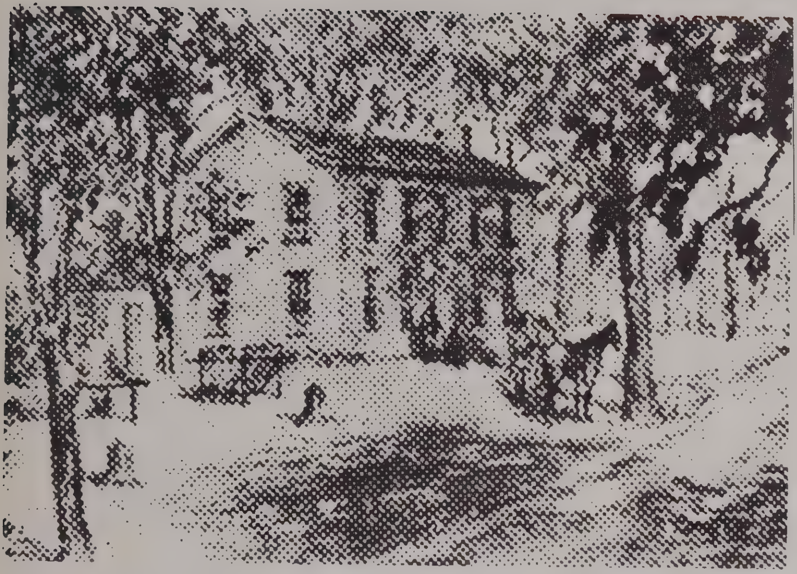
When the Indiana Territory was organized in 1800, *with the capital at Vincennes,* 200 *miles south on the Wabash River, there were three tribes of Indians in Wabash County—the Miamis, the Delawares, and the Potawatomies. By the time the capital was moved to Indianapolis in* 1826, *there had been extensive migration northward; but the first permanent white settler did not appear in Wabash County until* 1827.

John Newman, one of the last Delaware Indians in the county

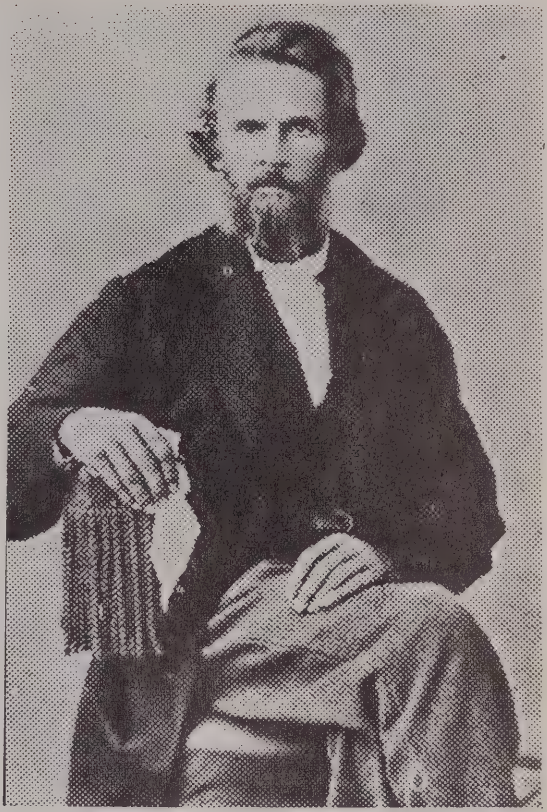


Marker erected at the site of the 1826 Treaty

Indian Church—four miles west of LaFontaine



Samuel McClure Homestead, 1831, west of Wabash



Samuel McClure, first white settler, 1827

Only a decade after Samuel McClure had cleared the first ground, Wabash County was placed in a position of eminence as an important section of a great waterway system. With the completion of the Wabash and Erie Canal, the local merchants, industrialists, and farmers were given access to the eastern markets. Also, the canal boats, returning from the seaboard ports, brought hordes of homesteaders and immigrants into the area.

April, 1834: Hugh Hanna and David Burr laid out the town of Wabash
May 4, 1834: The first sale of town-lots
March 1, 1835: "Wabash County—shall enjoy all the rights and jurisdiction"
May 18, 1835: Wabash chosen as the permanent seat of justice
1865: South Wabash laid out by David Coble and Mark Jones.

Frances Slocum Monument—7 miles west of Somerset. Captured as a child from her home in Pennsylvania, Frances Slocum married a Miami chief and lived here until her death in 1847.

Where the early settlers worked:
The first task confronting the people was to remove the trees from their chosen home sites—trees which were then used in construction of their cabins. Later, more land had to be cleared to raise corn and wheat and to provide grazing land for their cattle and hogs, which were driven on foot to the Cincinnati market. In the summer of 1834, immigrants were brought from New York to work on the Wabash and Erie canal —industrial development began.

First mill stone, now located in the City Park

Oxen—beast of burden in the early days

Cabin in the Narrows, south of Lagro

Old Wabash and Erie Canal locks—near Lagro

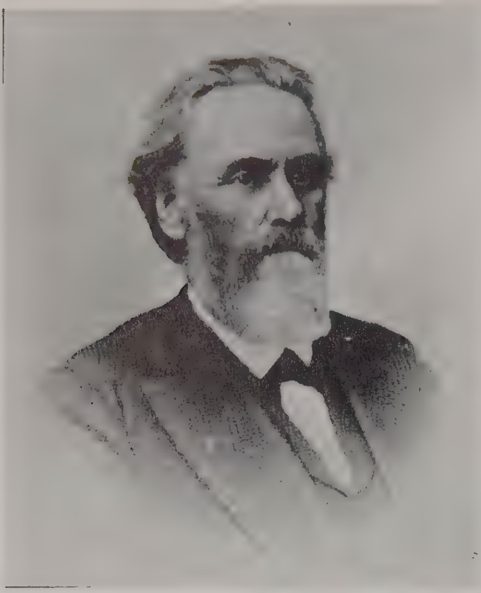
1834-35: *Hugh Hanna built a grist mill with power furnished from the river.* 1837: *the pork packing business began to boom.* 1838: *lumber was shipped via the canal for the first time.* 1843-44: *Robert Cissna built the first mill operated by water from the canal.* 1849; *Thomas Payne started a cabinet-making company. Although the powerful agricultural interest group remained, by* 1850 *an urban industrial interest group had made its first appearance; and Wabash was on the road that led it to the classification of a small industrial center.*

Wabash 1840

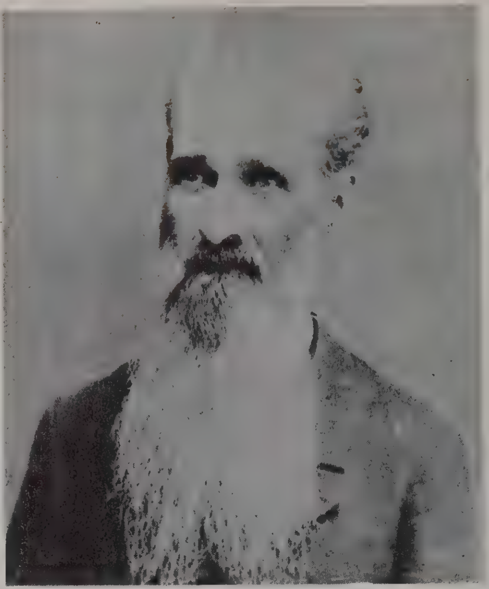
NEW YORK STORE

First piano brought to Wabash via the canal

The Indiana House, the principal hotel during the days of the canal.



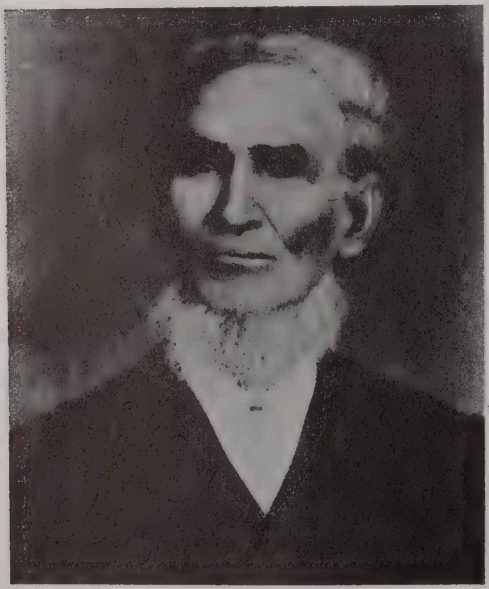
Elijah Hackleman 1817-1899
Teacher, 1849; Clerk of the Circuit Court, 1859; State Senator, 1874; Eminent county historian.



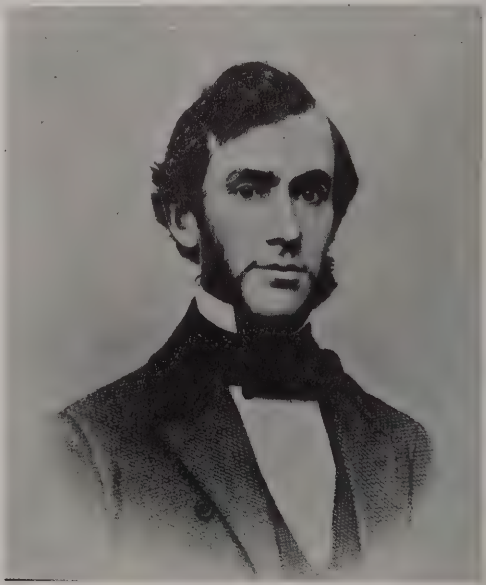
Leewell L. Carpenter 1832-1910
Came to Wabash in 1868 as pastor of the Christian Church. Dedicated 762 churches throughout the United States and Canada.

Every era, in fact every year, has its prominent citizens. In the selection of these eight people we have made no effort to compile an all-inclu-

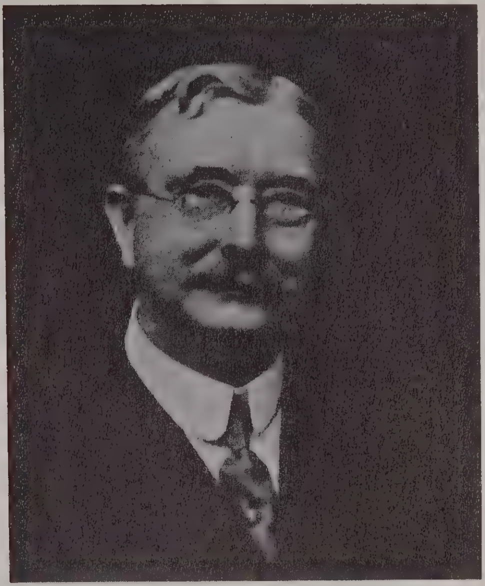
James Ford, M.D. 1812-1898
Came to Wabash in 1848; especially noted for scientific research and practical application of sanitary improvements in the early days.



John Upfold Pettit 1820-1881
Editor of first Wabash County newspaper, 1846; member of Congress, reelected twice, 1854; Professor of Law, Indiana University, 1869-70.



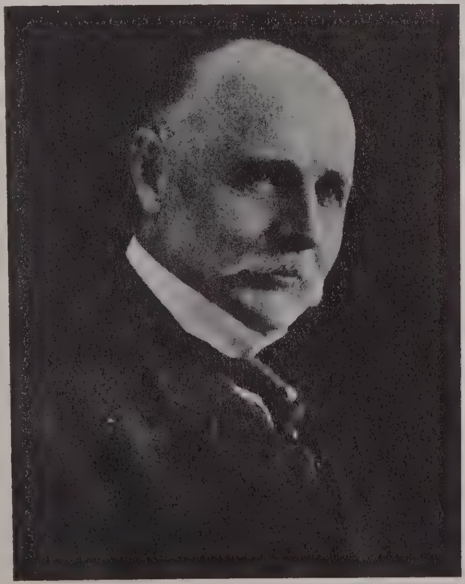
Charles Little, D.D. 1845-1921
Came to Wabash in 1872; pastor of the Presbyterian Church for fifty years, 1872-1922; Moderator of the Presbyterian General Assembly.



Alfred H. Plummer 1845-1927
Judge of the Twenty-seventh Judicial Circuit of Indiana.

sive list. We have tried, however, to choose typical outstanding citizens who contributed measurably to the growth and development of Wabash County and its people.

James D. Conner, Jr., 1853-1940
Attorney; organizer of the American Association of Importers and Breeders of Belgian Draft Horses.



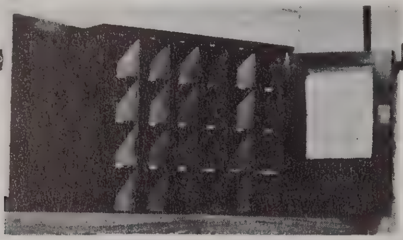
Adelaide Steele Baylor 1865-1935
Educator; Superintendent of Wabash City Schools; Chief of Federal Board for Vocational Education, Washington, D.C., 1919.

1826 Treaty between the Government and the Potawatomie and Miami Indians, whereby all the lands in the northern part of Indiana came into possession of the Government. Wabash County, south of the Wabash river was part of the great Miami Reserve.

1827 The first permanent white settlers, Samuel McClure and family, arrived in the county from Ohio.

1828 Post Office established at Treaty Grounds. Robert Horse, first postmaster.

1834 Wabash Town laid out on the Treaty Grounds in April by Hugh Hanna and David Burr.



Post office, 1828

First horse-drawn corn planter

Where the early settlers played:
First records for recreational activities are scarce. 1837: *a Mock Legislature was organized.* 1843: *the Court House served as a community hall; the third floor of the Daugherty Packing House, known as Union Hall,*

Baby-buggy used in the fifties

1834 Work on the Wabash and Erie Canal began in the summer.

1837 Canal finished to Wabash. The first boat reached the town July 4th, carrying passengers from Fort Wayne and Flint Springs (Huntington) and some Indians. The program for the day included a picnic dinner and at night a ball on the second floor of the building that stood on the Plain Dealer corner.

1848 Several of the citizens purchased a hand engine. Up to this time fires were put out by means of "Bucket Brigades." Each merchant kept a supply of buckets (state law) and upon an alarm of fire they were tossed into the street.

1849 Several citizens left for the gold fields of California.

1851 In the early days, and up to the sixties, the streets were decorated with stumps. Cattle, horses and hogs were allowed to run at large. By order of the town trustees the hogs lost that privilege.

1853 First County Fair held south of the canal, between Water and Wabash streets and the river.

1854 Wabash incorporated for the second time.

1856 First railroad train puffed its way into Wabash. First locomotives had no cow catchers; they had oil lamps in front and buckets along the tender with which to replenish the water supply.

Reputed underground slave house

became the first local-talent opera house. 1847: *the I.O.O.F. and the Masons were organized.*

Even by 1850, *the people did not have much time for play. A community-wide program did not evolve until after the turn of the century—an outgrowth of the interest in the old W.A.A.*

Plow, used by Jefferson Matlock, 1862

Conner's Corner; store built by Hugh Hanna in 1834

1859 Covered bridge built at Wabash, one of the longest in the state, crossed the river diagonally, the north end where the Wabash street bridge is today, south end 300 feet east.

1862 First Civil War Volunteers, 178 in number, left for training camp at Indianapolis.

1865 South Wabash laid out by David Coble and Mark Jones.

1865 Small-pox epidemic in the town.

1866 Wabash became a city.

1866 Female seminary opened in South Wabash under control of the Presbyterian Church. First female seminary in this part of Indiana.

1870 Fire in Wabash. Court House and Tremont Hotel destroyed. Sixty buildings on fire during a period of two hours.
1870 First balloon ascension at the County Fair.
1870 Public well at the corner of Wabash and Market streets.
1878 Artificial gas street lamps on trial.
1878 Football arrived in town—both boys and girls played.
1879 Present Court House finished.
1880 First electric arc lamp tested as a street illuminant.
1888 By a decision of the voters, the right to roam the streets was taken from cows.

1880, first electric light

Where the early settler worshipped:
The first religious services were conducted by itinerant preachers who rode from place to place on horseback. Several denominations were organized in the thirties. But, not until 1849, *when the Methodists erected*

Blasting the Big Four Cut, 1897

G.A.R. passes in review—paying respects to the 1917 recruits

1896 Free City Mail Delivery for the city of Wabash.
1898 First Gym Association organized.
1901 The coming of the interurban cars gave Dobbin his first taste of leisure. First automobile in town.
1903 Street cars begin operating between the North and South sides.
1906 Eagles Theater opened.
1912 Federal Building erected.
1913 Worst flood in the history of the county. Telephone and telegraph wires down interurbans and trains unable to run. Loaded train put on the railroad bridge to save it.

	South Side without lights, water, and gas for three days. Levee washed out under street car tracks. City Council gave $1,000, and the citizens subscribed $800 for relief of the victims in the lowlands.
1914	City bought its fourth motor fire truck, to be made by the Service Motor Co.
1920	Indiana Hotel built.
1926	Senior High School built.
1932	Lincoln bronze statue erected, gift of Alexander New.
1938	First direct air mail flight left for Fort Wayne in a week's celebration.

Original Armory was on the second floor of Pearson's Apartment

Downtown Wabash in 1935

the first church, did the people have a House of Worship. Soon, the first Sunday School, with the union of all existing churches, was called. Wabash people have always regarded their religion seriously. By 1850, *a definite pattern had been set—one which we follow today. The precedent of a church-going people still stands.*

HOOSIER HERITAGE CARAVAN
INDIANA TERRITORY SESQUICENTENNIAL COMMISSION
FREE EXHIBIT
The richness of our heritage, 1950

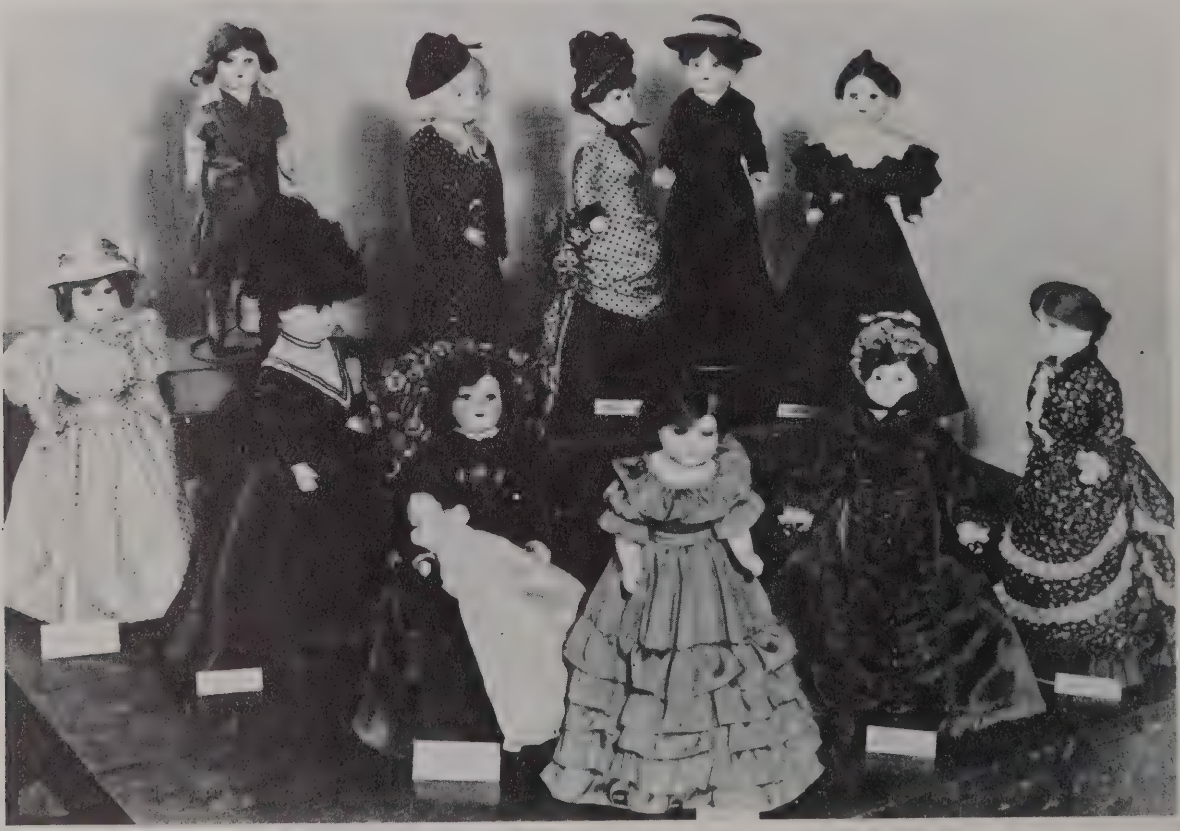
1940	Stampede on the Clerk's office before the law requiring blood tests went into effect.
1942	Modoc's escapade put Wabash on the map again.
1945	Minneapolis Honeywell plant received Army-Navy "E" flag for the fifth time.
1946	Harry Hutchens died. For many years manager of the W.A.A.
1947	City of Wabash received the National Safety Council Award for no traffic deaths in 1946.
1948	First Fisherman's Show at the Community Center—1,000 attended.
1949	Dome of Court House flood-lighted.

WABASH COUNTY MUSEUM

A small collection owned by Dr. P. G. Moore formed the nucleus of the County Museum in 1923. It was housed first in one corner of the basement of the Court House but grew so rapidly that it soon occupied three rooms. In 1929, the Museum was moved to its present location in Memorial Hall.

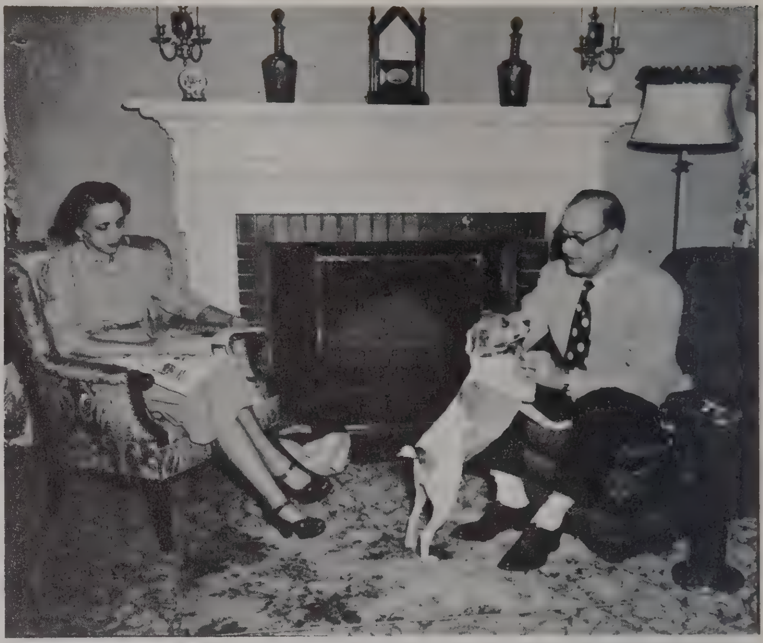
Mrs. Leola Hockett, Curator,
Wabash County Museum

One of the most interesting collections in the Museum is this group of dolls, painstakingly dressed by Mrs. Hockett to depict the costumes worn during the different periods of county history.



Mr. and Mrs. Wabash and family --- at home

At the Dr. G. B. Fults Home: these paintings of horses and Knights of Old bear witness to Dr. Fults' love of horses



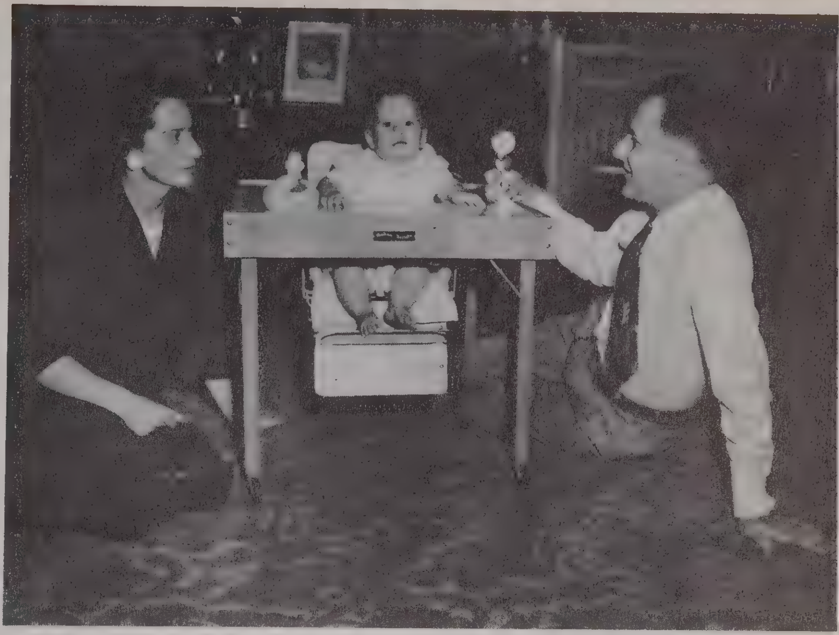
Pansy enjoys an evening at home with the family

The doorway, introducing this section, invites you into the home of Mr. and Mrs. Wabash and their family. It encourages you to meet the people of Wabash in their homes—to see them at work—to find pleasure in their hobbies—to laugh when they have fun—and to enjoy their moments of relaxation.

No wonder Pansy looks on in amazement; so did we

One of the durable satisfactions of life is a beautiful home

At the Harold Wolf Home: keeping abreast with the times during a quiet evening at home



Playtime for Minda; Mother and Daddy, too!

The house is something more than the wood, the stone, and the design. There is a social implication that is oftentimes overlooked. Briefly, the house has a twofold purpose. First, it should provide for you and your family a method of translating your needs, tastes and interests into a workable plan. Second, it is not just a place that is a soundly con-

Labor of Love

A stately home with a gracious entrance

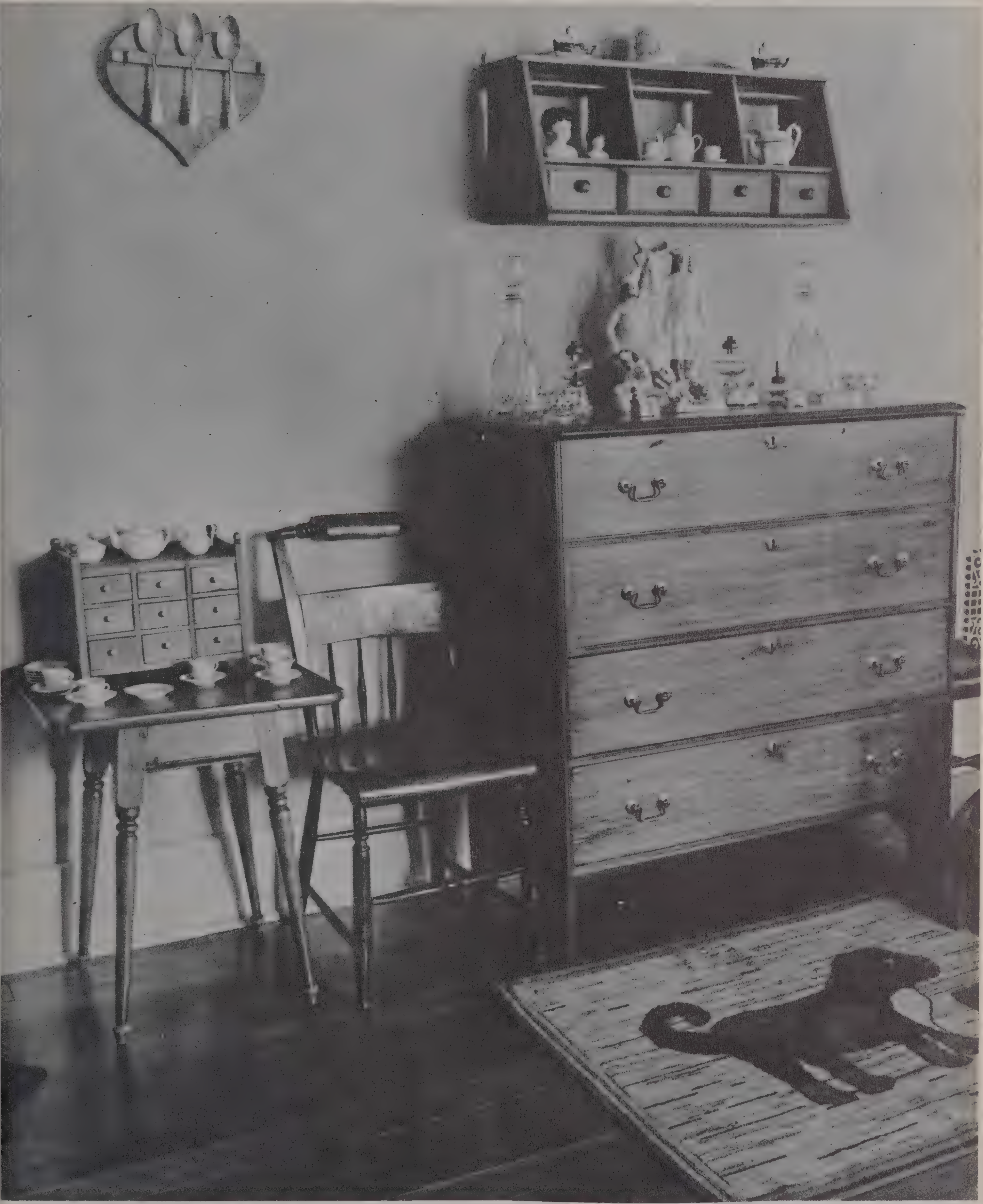
At the Joe Yarnelle Home: the family relaxes in pleasant outdoor surroundings

Story-telling time precedes bedtime

structed house, but a home, where human values are considered, where the family group is brought together more closely in every day pursuit of living and in relaxation and fun. The homes of Wabash are more than houses. Although their function is sometimes misunderstood, they do, in fact, play an important role in the social life of our community.

Wabash's youngest disc jockeys—Nan and Ken

A home is not a home until it's planted



Bonbrook—a residential development of distinction

While new residential developments have somewhat eased the critical housing shortage, the continued influx of industry has kept a heavy pressure on contractors for more homes — Mr. and Mrs. Wabash are vitally concerned in the growth and development of their community. Today, the pivotal point of progress lies in the fact that the number of houses must increase, if business opportunities are to continue to grow.

At the William Wright Home: Shirley and Norma—pets in black and white contrast

Towering trees overlook the Wright home

Mrs. Frank Owens' paper decorations contribute to beautiful tables for Wabash hostesses

Flowers are an avocation of Mrs. Glen Jack

The home, as an institution, has a social obligation to fulfill: it should continually contribute to the education and development of all its members. No doubt, the hobbies and avocations in the homes of Wabash help to meet this obligation.

That men have hobbies, too, is proved by Don Mathers' interest in train models

Mrs. Howard Daugherty takes pleasure in collecting antiques

The Harold Bracken home—where Johnnie Olson spent his boyhood

Spacious lawn enhances the beauty of the P. H. Dickson home

Spacious or compact in size—wood, stone or brick in material—modernistic or colonial in design, each house has a character distinctive to its own setting and background. In fact, many of the older homes virtually ooze the personality of our forefathers who built them, while the modernistic houses remind us of the trends of the times.

The Canterbury House in connotation of Mrs. Frank Sharples' hobby of collecting antiques

The John Ford home on West Hill; a touch of the Old South

At the James Stefanatos Home: starting the day in a cozy breakfast nook

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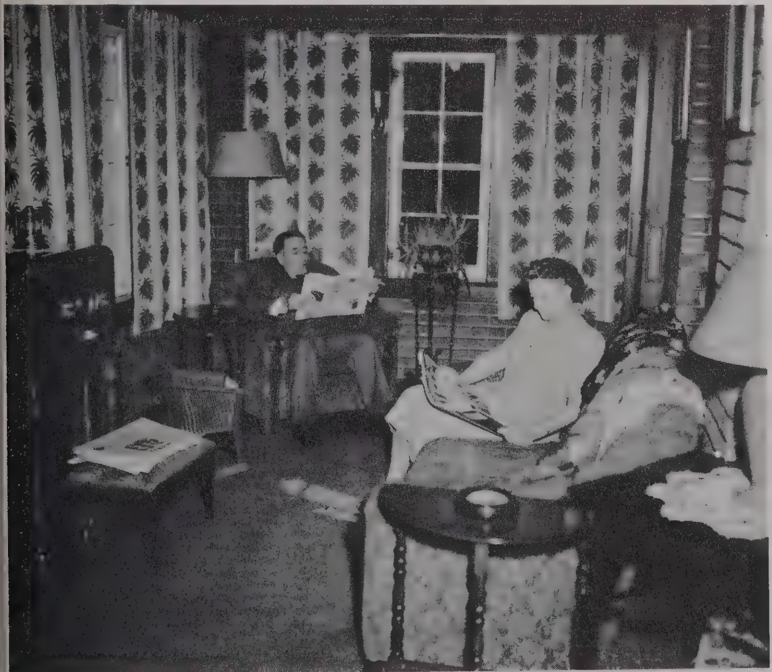
A daily chore!

To Mr. and Mrs. Wabash and family each day brings new experiences; however, somehow, a certain daily routine always remains. There are jobs which won't wait—shaving, preparing three nourishing meals a day, cleaning the house, taking care of Junior, and working on the lawn . . . all in an effort to translate their needs, tastes and interests into a workable plan. But when day is done, the family group is brought together for a moment of relaxation, and, then, bedtime.

A few moments of relaxation in the solarium



A brick residence caught in the morning sunlight

The Howard Halderman home in wintertime

Shutters add to the distinction of the Fred Walter home

Somehow, the cold, and the damp, and the snow seem distantly remote and even friendly when the setting includes a home. Modern facilities have enabled Mr. and Mrs. Wabash and their family to live comfortably in all seasons.

The Glenn Bowman home, surrounded by a winter-wonderland

The charm of the Charles Shroyer home is increased by the snow-covered shrubbery

First place in the 1949 Christmas Home Decoration Contest: the James W. Roades home

Hugh Hanna's chair, still in use in the Thomas Christman home, reflects memories of Wabash's founding

Where is the house without its heirlooms? A chair? A vase? Rare china! A chest of drawers? A bed spread of yesteryear?

But the home, too, is a place in which to play quiet games, checkers, chess or ping-pong.

And fortunate, indeed, is the owner whose house in festive attire, has won community acclaim or who has remodeled his house to the end of more pleasurable living. Truly, your personality lives in every room.

Quiet hour in the Marcus Schott rumpus room

This remodeled kitchen means fewer steps for Mrs. Lawrence Kiefaber

On the site of the old Commons is Maplewood residential development with over 40 attractive homes

The James Morris home in winter splendor

Within the city of Wabash are truly over 3,000 varieties of homes, in the county even more—in all over 7500. About 60 percent owner occupied—no two alike. Perhaps a picture window in this house adds to the enjoyment of life, a solarium in the house across the street contributes to relaxation or a fine exposure from the house on a hill provides new pleasures when the trees are bare and winter reigns. To each citizen comes contentment and satisfaction as his "dream house" fulfills his desires.

Gracious living is enriched by the picture window of the Sposeep home

Shadows fall across the picturesque Fred Collinge home

BREWER'S DAIRY

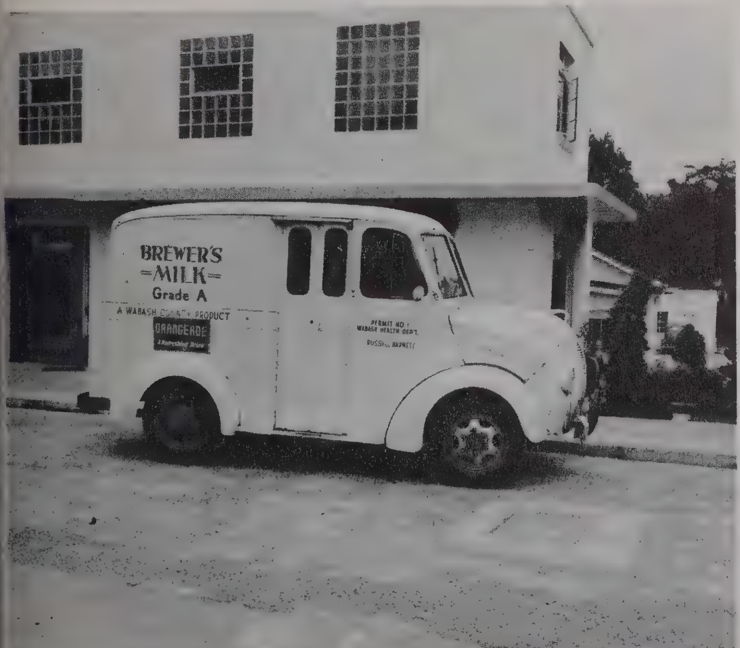
Wabash is Grade A, so are all Brewer's Products.

Lingg Brewer, Proprietor

From 100 to 4000 quarts of milk daily within 20 years is the delivery load of Brewer's Dairy. Pasteurizing from his second year, Mr. Brewer uses three-200-gallon pasteurizers today. The latest improvement in handling milk is the $20,000 Pure-Pak machine which bottles the milk in paper cartons.

And now comes the Dairy Bar with ice cream in a wide variety of flavors at all times and sandwiches, too.

Service builds our business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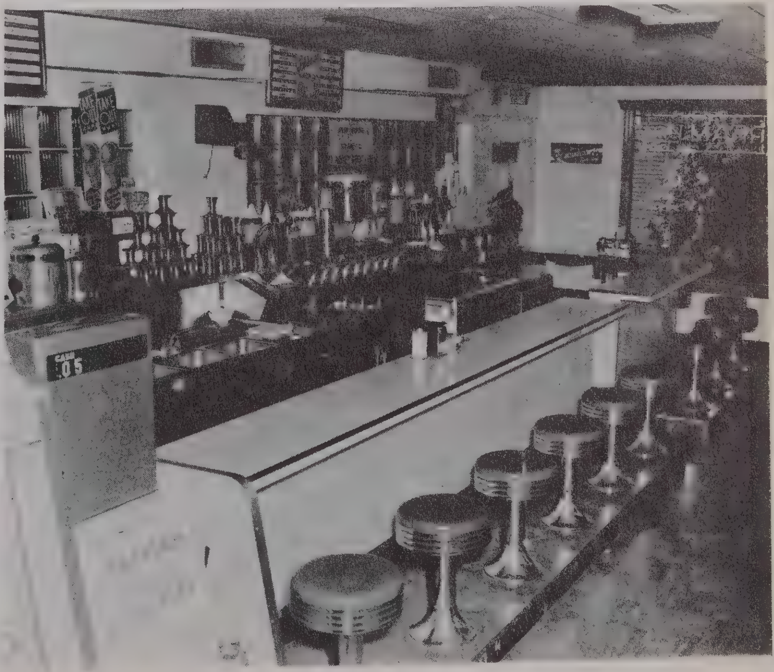
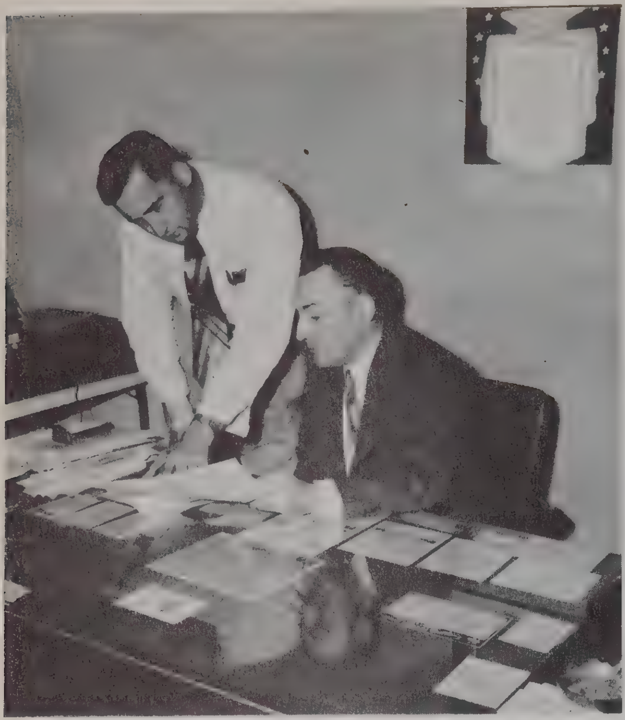
Dairy Bar—a recent addition for your convenience





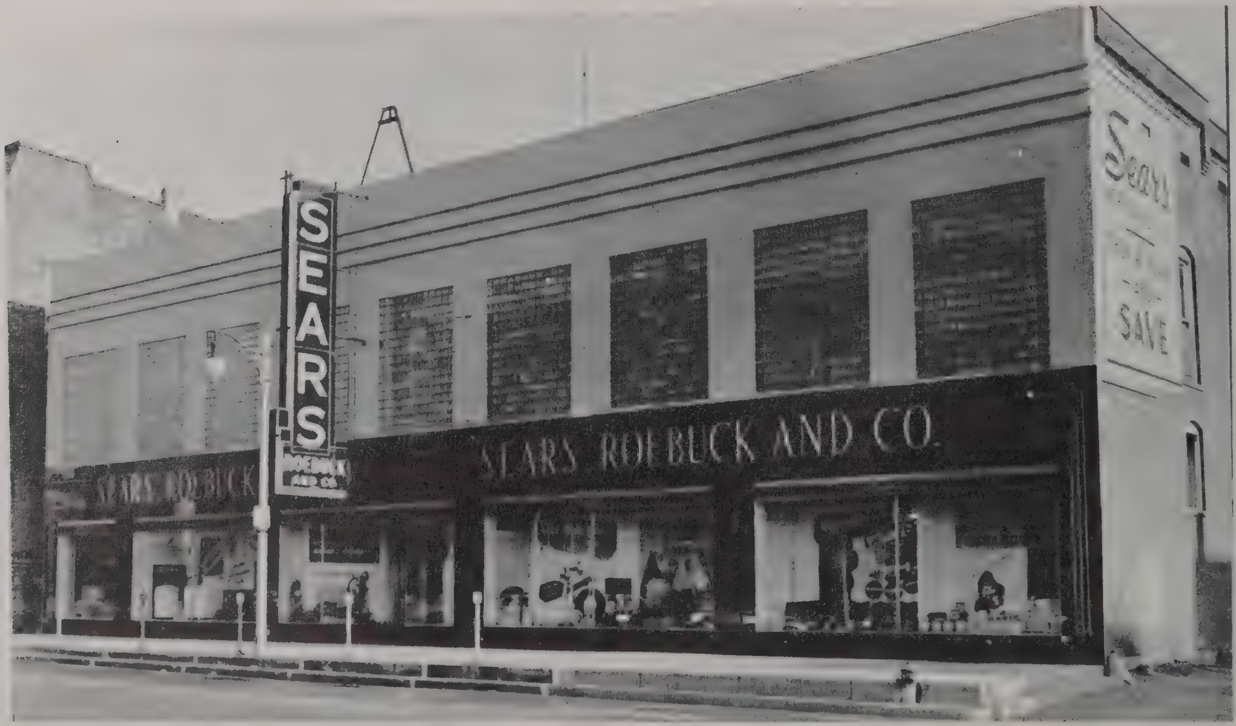
A. C. Graebner, Manager (seated) with
R. J. Mahaney, Asst. Manager

APPLIANCE DEPARTMENT

SEARS, ROEBUCK AND COMPANY

Since 1886

Following the change in merchandising policy under which the first retail store was established by Sears, Roebuck and Company in 1925, the Company acquired in 1939 the Spindler Company in Wabash. Soon changes were effected which added 4,500 square feet of selling floor space. When Sears Farm Store opened in 1945, another 7,000 square feet of selling space was provided. And the staff of service personnel was increased, delivery trucks added and warehouse facilities secured. Today there are 49 employees in our two stores to serve you.



Credit Department

Catalog Department

SEARS
ROEBUCK AND CO

Sears, Roebuck and Company is proud of its growth in Wabash and the expansion of the Wabash business district, for which it is generally recognized Sears is responsible. And no wonder, for this expansion means more retail lines, greater variety of merchandise from which you can fill your needs. Sears aims to build soundly—for the growth both of Sears and of Wabash.

Today Sears is proud, too, of the variety of lines it offers—with no seconds, no substandards and no irregulars. We believe you want and deserve the best; and we see that you get it—for less!

SEARS
FARM STORE

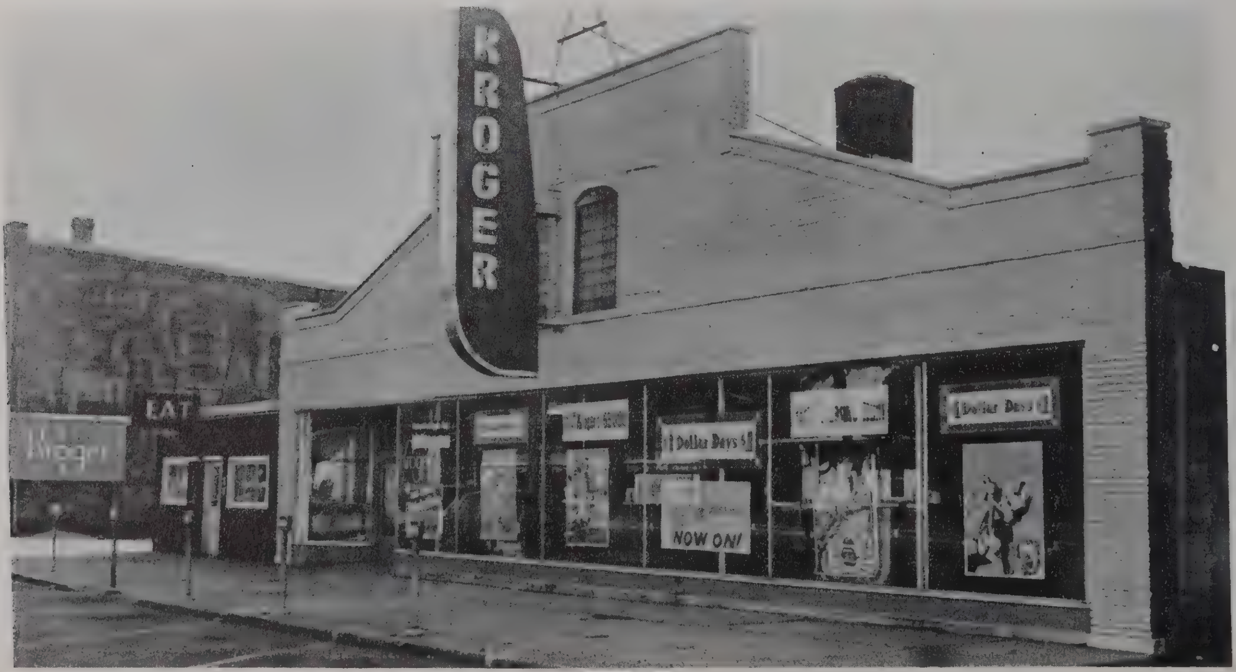
Our people who serve

Busy shoppers—A variety for your convenience

THE KROGER COMPANY

The first Kroger Store in Wabash was located on West Canal Street. In 1947 they moved from this service-type store to the present location at 53 East Market St. This was an increase in space from 1500 sq. ft. to 12,000 sq. ft. The new Kroger Store is a modern, complete Food Department Store featuring five speedy check-out lanes, self-service Dairy Department, and many other features to make shopping convenient and a pleasure.

The Kroger Store is proud of its growth in this progressive city, and has always been active in civic affairs helping to make this a better community in which to live.



First National Bank Building

A community is always a good place in which to work and to live because of the character and nature of the people in it.

Wabash has been fortunate during its 116 years in having had citizens who were willing to give time and money for the betterment of the City.

THE FIRST NATIONAL BANK

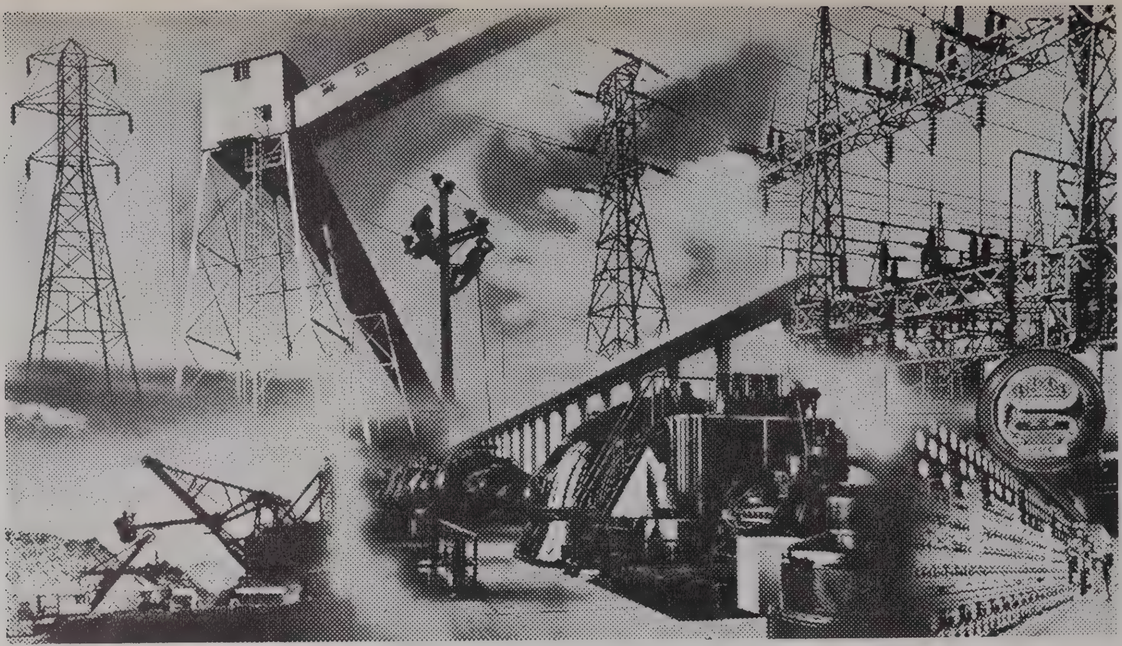
MEMBER FEDERAL DEPOSIT INSURANCE CORPORATION

YOUR PATRONAGE ENABLED US TO ESTABLISH THIS RECORD:

Statement Showed:

	Dec. 20, '33	July 1, '50
Deposits	$751,000	$7,500,000
Invested Capital	122,500	304,270
Loans and Discounts	114,000	1,500,000
No. of Depositors	1,020	4,830
Employees	8	17

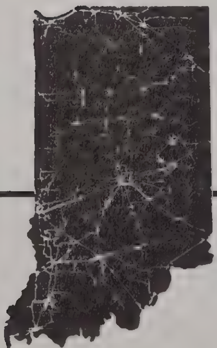
Our Personnel



MORE POWER for a GREATER WABASH!

● Wabash will have twice as much electric power available in the near future! Public Service Company is investing over $1,500,000 to MAKE SURE there will always be plenty of power for Wabash industries, homes and farms in the Wabash area. Before the end of 1950, construction of a new substation will be started on the high ground east of the City. In addition to the two 66KV transmission lines already serving Wabash, a new one from Huntington, by way of North Manchester, is scheduled to be in service early in 1951, and the present 33KV transmission line will be converted to 66KV the same year. These new lines will double the present available electric power supply. Plans have also been made for bringing a 132K^{T} line from Kokomo into Wabash as soon as the area requires it.

With this assurance of plenty of electric power Wabash can continue to grow and thrive industrially. The City's increasing industrial might means more jobs, bigger payrolls, more purchasing power, greater prosperity for Wabash and the surrounding area. Last year, more than two thirds of the electric power used in Wabash was used by her growing industries—good reason to believe, with plenty of power, Wabash WILL continue to grow and prosper!



PUBLIC SERVICE

COMPANY OF INDIANA, INC.

Good Low-Cost Electric Service

YOU have a right to be Proud of Your Electric Facilities

Mr. and Mrs. Wabash and family --- in education

OWEN J. NEIGHBOURS

Distinguished Citizen 1946

"Besides giving us his professional best, he has given to the community enterprises an unusual leadership. He has never refused to be of service, and during good years and bad he has been unflagging in his zeal and determined in his purpose that the needs of Wabash should be served. In brief, no citizen has given more freely of his time and talents to our city, and none is more deserving of the gratitude of his fellow men."

—*Mayor Homer T. Showalter*

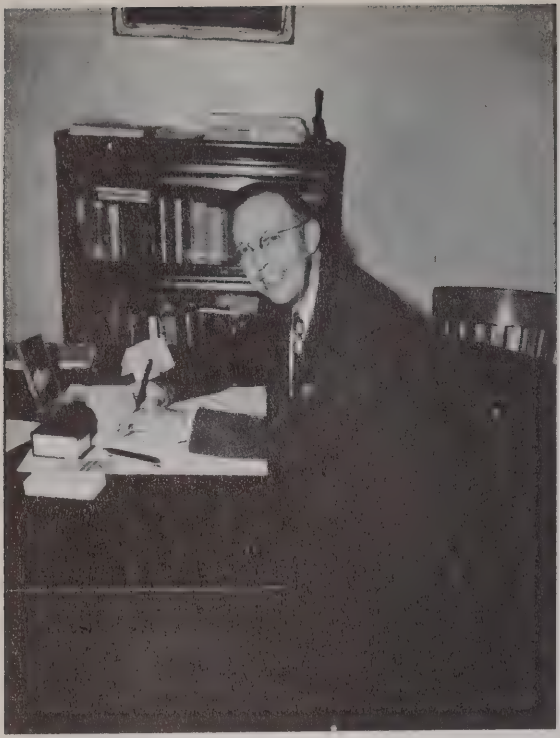
Carnegie Library—Built in 1903

Librarians
Della Tillman, Nancy Cowgill

Since 1903, when it was formally opened through a donation of $20,000 by Andrew Carnegie, the Carnegie Library of Wabash has been an institution of importance. The number of volumes has increased from the modest beginning of 3000 volumes to over 14,000. Of interest is the newly remodeled Junior Room, which was completed in 1948. The accession of 162 record albums, a record player, and the construction of a new sound-proof room, under the sponsorship of the Wabash unit of the Indiana Symphony, offers an unusual opportunity to hear good music of both yesteryear and today.

Story Hour—every Saturday morning for our children

Library Board
John Ford, Pres.; Leewell Carpenter, V.P.; Mrs. Howard Halderman, Sec'y. Mrs. Alva Watson, Mrs. O. J. Neighbours, Walter Schlemmer, Marshall Henderson



Board of Education *left to right*:
F. A. Rettig, L. J. Gray, Dr. G. B. Fults

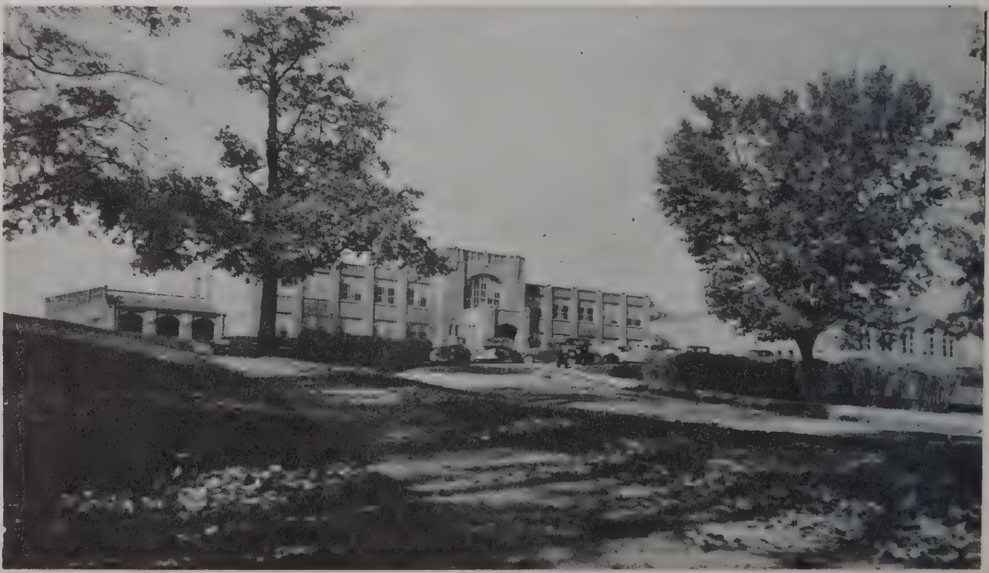
L. H. Carpenter
Sup't. of City Schools

"The good people of Wabash have always been interested in good schools for their children." — *L. H. Carpenter.*

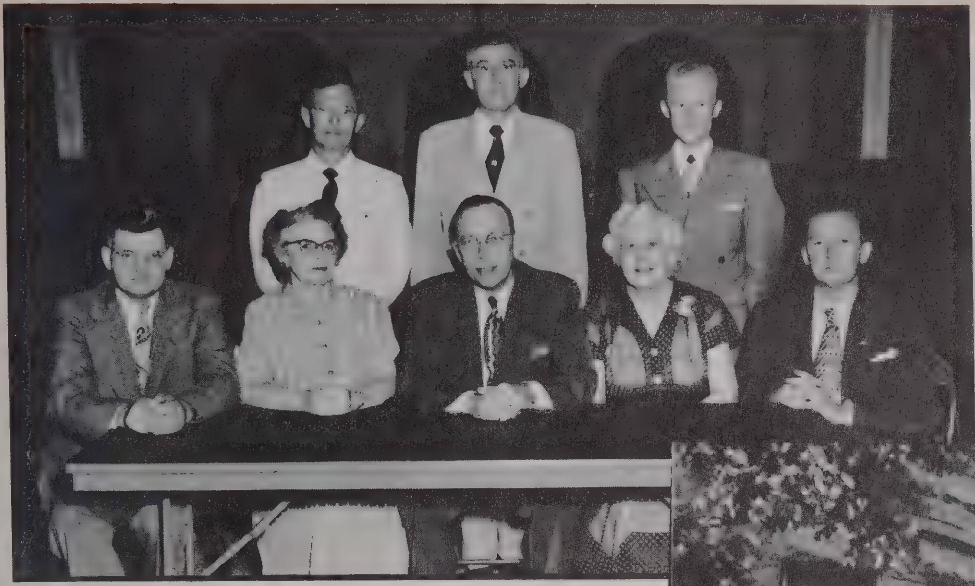
So far back as 1840 *Mr. and Mrs. Wabash erected a school-house with public money south and east of the present Wabash freight depot. In* 1858 *they had constructed a building on Union St., south of the present Miami building which was opened as the Wabash graded school, having for the first time, rooms for pupils of the various grades and to become known as Old Central.*

Phil N. Eskew
Prin. of Sr. High School

"We attempt to have a friendly atmosphere throughout our entire school."—*Phil N. Eskew.*



Wabash High School



CITY PRINCIPALS

Left to right, seated: Kenneth Stout, Junior high school. Frances Lynn, Miami, L. H. Carpenter, Superintendent, Jesse Harris, Century, Phil Eskew, Senior high school.
Standing: Collis Mosely, East Ward, Roland Armstrong, South Side, Paul Myers, West Ward.

Wabash Junior High School—the stepping stone from grade schools to the Apache Camp

At Old Central it was, in 1869, *that high-school classes were begun and the first class was graduated in the very year in which the Supreme Court of Michigan handed down that important decision which said that "It is as lawful to collect tax-monies for high-schools as it is for grade-schools." And the people of Wabash had been operating their high school three years . . .*

Miami School, Overlooking Old Central's grounds

Old Central Building. High School classes began here in 1869

West Ward Grade School

East Ward Grade School

Within the last three years the Board has developed adequate plans for the housing program ahead. The reasons for better housing are obvious: (1) *the increased number of births;* (2) *the age of the present five elementary buildings. As its first phase of a long-range plan, the Board has just completed thorough renovation of the Century and South Side Schools, which have made these two buildings pleasant and adequate. The second phase of the Board's program is to build two new elementary buildings to replace the present East, West and Miami Buildings.*

Century Grade School

South Side Grade School

Kindergarten: Learning to share things with other children

Primary: Starting the three R's

In the Primary Grades, one, two and three, the boys and girls begin to learn the reading process. They also are taught to write and the simple fundamentals of numbers, the simple beginnings of good citizenship and character development.

The intermediate grades continue the emphasis on the fundamentals of the three R's and expand the beginnings of health teaching, science, geography and history. Responsibilities and duties of the "good" citizen are emphasized.

In Junior High-school years, exploratory courses in science, shop, home economics are given in addition to basic subjects. Guidance is developed.

Intermediate: Safety—expanding the beginnings of health teaching

Junior High School: Exploring Home Economics

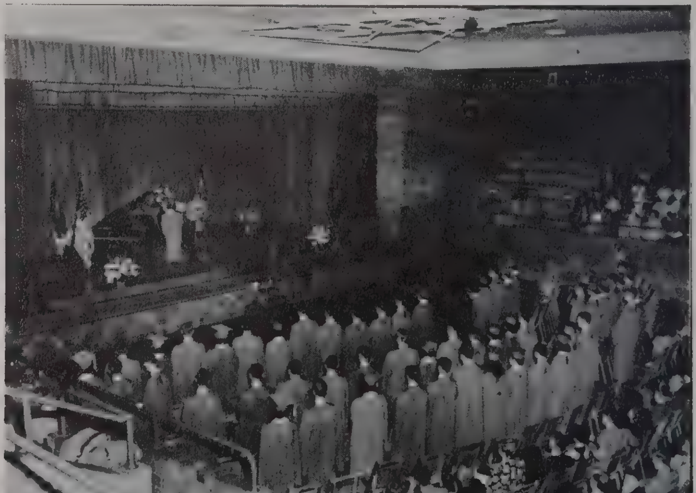
Chemistry Lab: Science—an essential for today as well as tomorrow

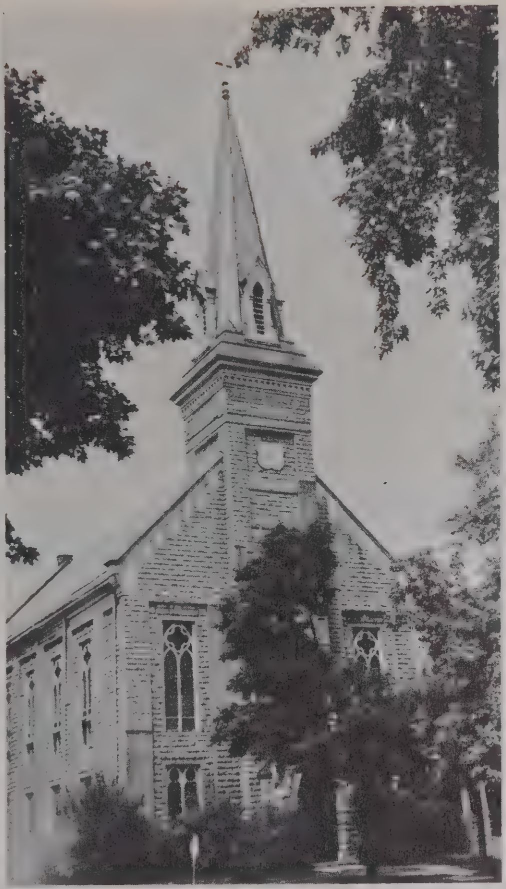
Vocational Machine Shop: Where inexperienced fingers develop future skills

Through a guidance program, the high school attempts to make it possible for each child, regardless of ability, to develop to his highest degree of efficiency during the time he attends school. Through the teen-canteen, Friday Night parties, Junior-Senior prom, class parties and student dances following athletic events, it is hoped the child will become socially developed. The athletic program consists of football, basketball, cross country, track, golf, and tennis. Well over half of the boys participate in one or more of these sports. The high school is a member of the North Central Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools.

After the game: Social activities—the art of learn-to live together

Graduation: The Citizens of Tomorrow





Present Home of St. Bernard School

The Teachers: Sisters Celeste, Agneta, Virginia, and Lillian

ST. BERNARD SCHOOL

The first Catholic school in Wabash was built in 1887, but was soon abandoned because of the inability of the few people to support it.

During 1923 the church parlors were transformed into school rooms with an enrollment of 45 children and the Sisters of St. Joseph with their Motherhouse in Tipton, Indiana, were engaged to teach the school.
Seven years later the school had grown to such proportions that the number of teachers was increased from two to three and in 1946 to four. The enrollment for the current school year will be 120 pupils.
Now under construction is a modern school which will house four class rooms, library, office and auditorium.

Excavation begins for new St. Bernard School

C. L. Vandegrift
Superintendent
of County Schools

County Board of Education. *Left to right, seated*: Ralph E. Hegel, C. L. Vandegrift, John Peters. *Standing*: Merrel Coffin, Arthur DeLauter, John Miley, Karl Ulmer, Thomas M. Earl.

"The objective which is uppermost in the mind of each member of the board is to improve the educational opportunity for the boys and girls of our schools in every way possible."—*C. L. Vandegrift.*

The Wabash County Board of Education is composed of the seven township trustees and the superintendent of the county schools. The trustees membership chooses the superintendent for a term of four years. The County Board of Education appoints the attendance officer. The superintendent selects the text books to be used in the county, recommends teachers to the trustees, keeps records of the teachers' qualifications and experience. He also visits the schools regularly and works with the principals, the trustee, and the teachers in an effort to improve the educational opportunity for the students.

TOWNSHIP SCHOOL PRINCIPALS

Left to right, seated: Jason J. Smith, Chester; Hubert Dubois, Chippewa; C. L. Vandergrift, Supt.; John Norman, Roann; James R. Behr, Lagro.

Standing: Granville Deaton, Laketon; Wilbur Dawes, Urbana; Joe Shanahan, Linlawn; Harold Eaton, Somerset; Russell Walters, Lafontaine.

Missing from picture: Robert Curless, White's Institute.

Linlawn High School

Somerset High School

The fast tempo of our times has affected the township schools. Within the last fifteen years a complete commerce course has been established in all the high schools of the county. Biology, physics and chemistry are offered in eight of the high schools. Seven offer vocational agriculture.

The remaining two have well-equipped shops. All offer home economics, four on a vocational level. Vocal music is taught in all schools.

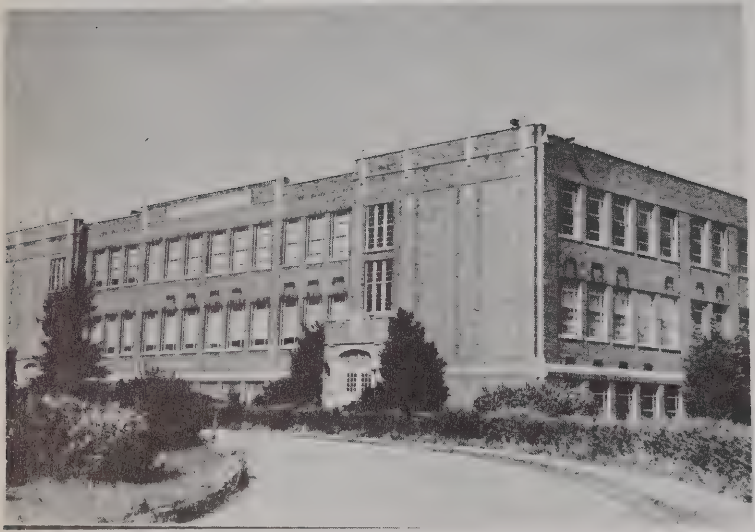
All of the high schools have organized glee clubs; eight have bands.

Lafontaine High School

Lagro High School

Chippewa High School

Chester High School



Urbana High School

Consolidation of the rural schools has followed the improvement of our county highway system and school bus transportation. In 1877 *there were* 131 *one-room schools located about two miles apart throughout the county. In addition, there were three two-room schools and four three-room schools, situated in the towns of the county. Today there are only five grade schools and nine township high schools in the county, which operated at a cost of* $708,670 *during the last fiscal year.* 3226 *pupils were enrolled.*

Roann High School

Laketon High School

JES said
COME UNTO ME and FORBID
INGDOM OF HEAVEN

Robert Curless, Director, speaking over the public address system at the Centennial

WHITE'S INSTITUTE

Through the foresight and philanthropy of Josiah White, a home for children was established: this Community of Deserving Boys and Girls is just completing its hundredth year of service to humanity. The managing of this project was intrusted to the Indiana Yearly Meeting of Friends.

White's Institute softball team—athletics play a vital part in the students' education

Entrance to Gilbert Hall—a hand of welcome and guidance

GILBERT HALL

V. F. Schwalm
President

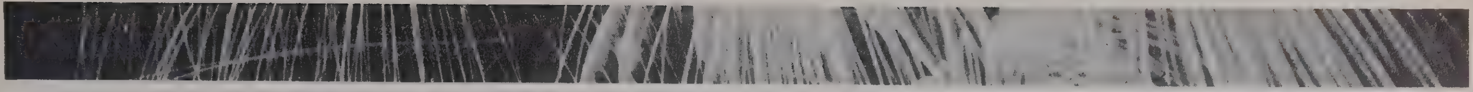
A moment between classes

MANCHESTER COLLEGE

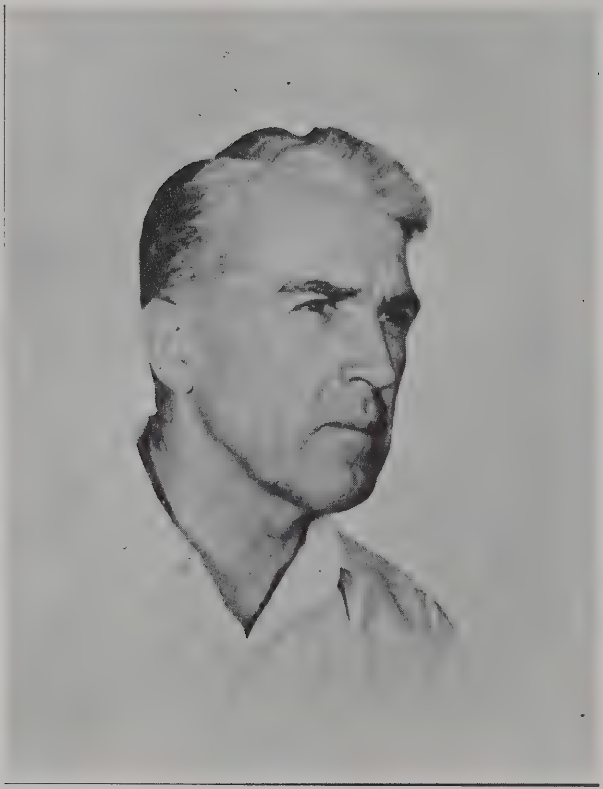
Manchester College, founded in 1889, is owned and operated under the direction of the Church of the Brethren. It is accredited by the North Central Association of Colleges and has a constant winter enrollment of 800.

The college attempts to be broadly Christian. Nearly half of its students are from other faiths. A.B. and B.S. degrees.

Athletic field and gymnasium



Mr. and Mrs. Wabash and family --- in recreation



W. CECIL MILLS

Distinguished Citizen 1948

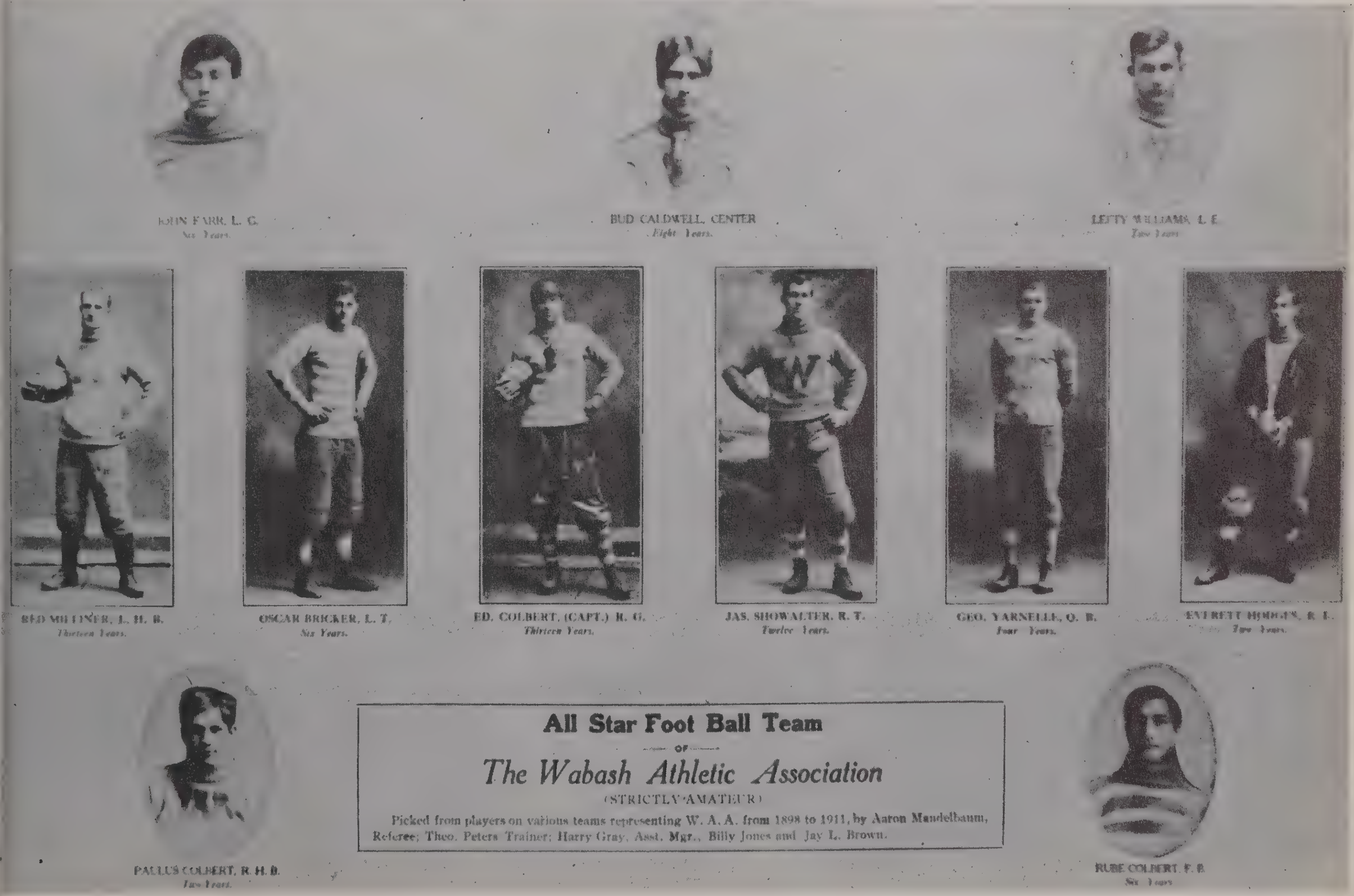
"We are honoring a man who has given 28 years of his life to his native community. ———For dedicating your life to the youth and adults and recreation program in your home community, Mr. Mills, I know of no one that I could be more honored and proud to present the 1948 Distinguished Citizen Award."

—J. Robert Mitten, President of Community Service

Symbolic of the growth of future Community Service is this float in a parade of the early thirties

Much of the inspiration for development of Community Service was due to the programs and athletic successes of the famous Wabash Athletic Association.

W.A.A. 1898-1912. 67 games, won 58. Points 1718; opponents, 100



JOHN FARR, L. G.
Six Years.

BUD CALDWELL, CENTER
Eight Years.

LEFTY WILLIAMS, L. E.
Two Years.

RED MILLINER, L. H. B.
Thirteen Years.

OSCAR BRICKER, L. T.
Six Years.

ED. COLBERT, (CAPT.) R. G.
Thirteen Years.

JAS. SHOWALTER, R. T.
Twelve Years.

GEO. YARNELLE, Q. B.
Four Years.

EVERETT HODGES, R. E.
Two Years.

All Star Foot Ball Team

OF

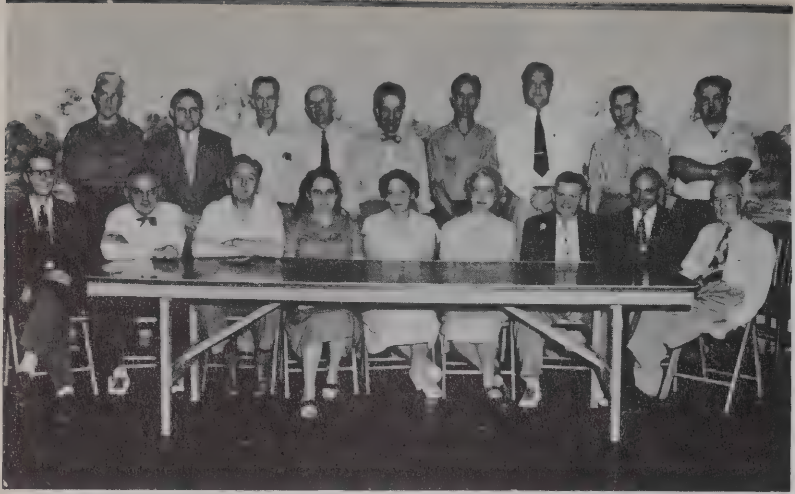
The Wabash Athletic Association

(STRICTLY AMATEUR)

Picked from players on various teams representing W. A. A. from 1898 to 1911, by Aaron Mandelbaum, Referee; Theo. Peters Trainer; Harry Gray, Asst. Mgr., Billy Jones and Jay L. Brown.

PALLUS COLBERT, R. H. B.
Two Years.

RUBE COLBERT, F. B.
Six Years.



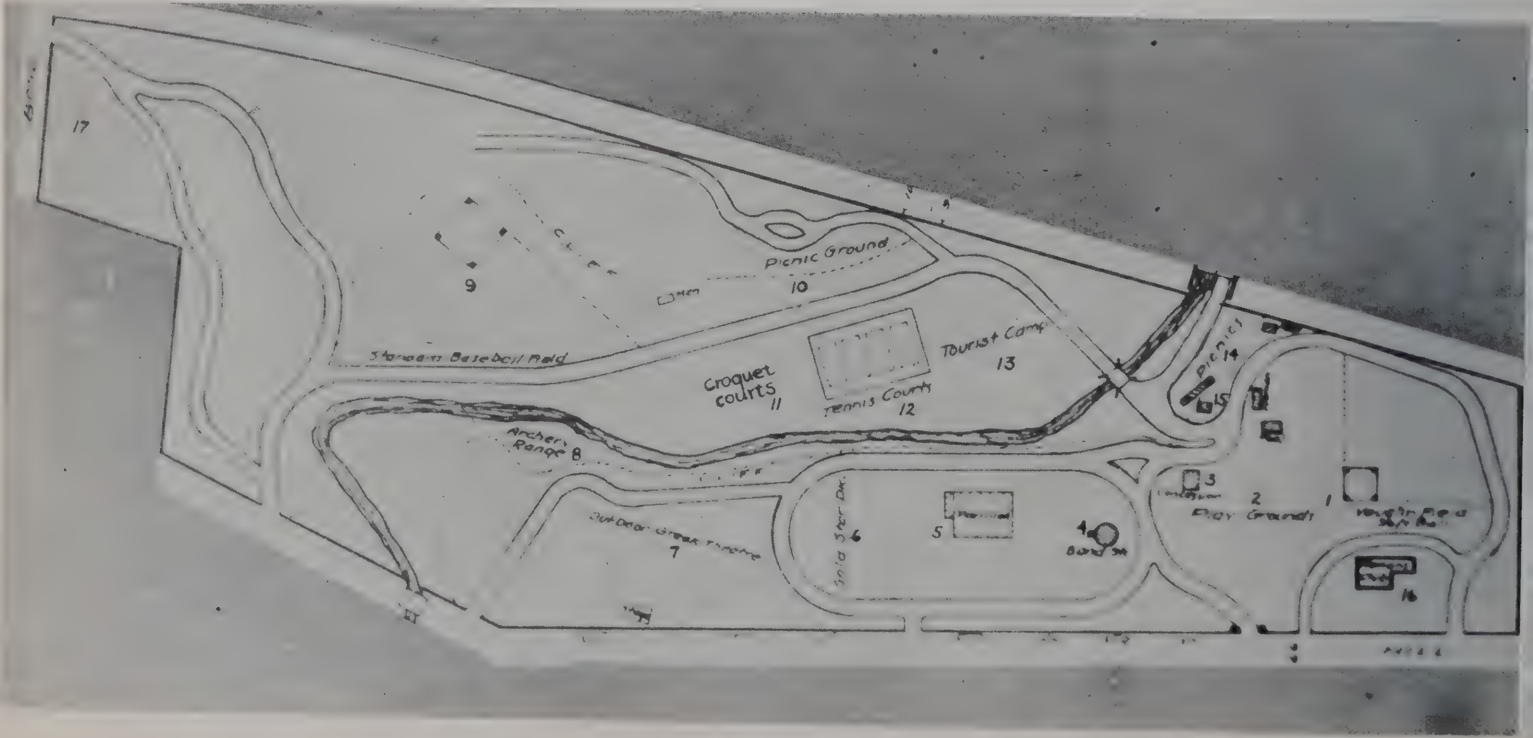
Board of Directors, Community Service

Left to right, Seated: G. Mohr, R. Mitten, President, P. Eskew, M. Schlemmer, Mrs. G. Peebles, M. Walrod, M. Wilson, W. Rizzo, O. J. Neighbours.

Standing: C. Mills, M. Sanger, R. Trisler, A. Tholke, secretary-treasurer, Rev. G. E. Weaver, G. Weesner, A. Plummer, R. Renbarger, P. Wakefield.

The City Park of 45 acres, the six supervised summer playgrounds, (Hanna Park, and the five school playgrounds) and the Honeywell Memorial Center are the scenes of most of the recreational activities. In the wintertime, ice skating is provided on the high school pond, and coasting on the famed hills of Wabash.

1 Vaughn Field—soft ball
2 Playground Equipment—cross-bars, swings, slides, merry-go-round, shuffle board
3 Concession
4 Band Stand
5 Pavilion—summer chautauqua, roller skating, dancing, Old Settlers'
6 Gold Star Park
7 Outdoor Greek Theatre—pageants, July 4th fireworks celebration
8 Archery range
9 Standard (hard) baseball field
10 Picnic Grounds—400 picnics annually, over 100 family reunions
11 Croquet Courts
12 Tennis Courts
13 Tourist Camp
14, 15 Shelter house, out-door ovens
16 Women's Club House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Gold Star Dr.
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Band Stand
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Play Grounds
1
Vaughn Field
16

Summer Playground Children and Supervisors

Thirty years ago this December the first meeting was held to perfect an organization to promote public recreation and to be called Wabash Community Service. During the next month a permanent organization was founded. W. Cecil Mills, manual training teacher in Union City, Indiana, and a native of Wabash, was selected as Director of Activities of the new organization.

Vaughn Field—the site of many enjoyable evenings for Wabash County softball enthusiasts

The Urbana Cyclones—1950 county softball champions

Bicycles in 1950 Pet Parade

Center of attention in Pet Parade 1950

When the Community Gymnasium was found to be unsafe in 1938, an election on a bond issue for $25,000 for a new gymnasium was held and passed by a great majority. At this time Mr. Mark C. Honeywell made it known to the Community Service Board that he contemplated building the present Honeywell Memorial Community Center which would house Community Service activities, as a memorial to Mrs. Olive Lutz Honeywell, and his family.

Summer Playground children at City Park

Children's Halloween Party, Honeywell Memorial

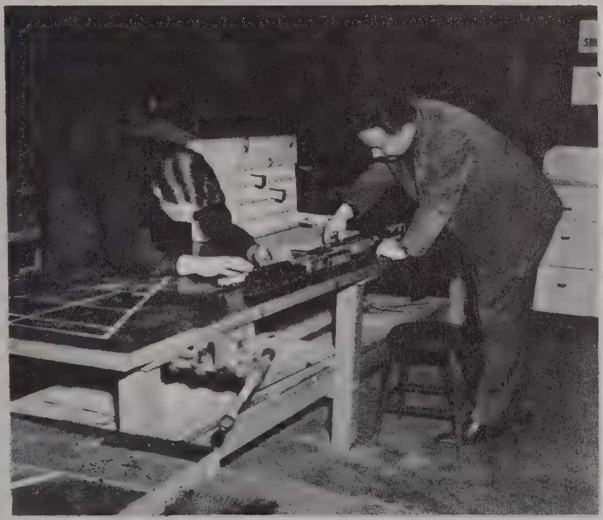
JUNIOR HI SCHOOL
EXHIBIT

Junior Hi Exhibit at the Hobby Show

The playground children present Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Mills a gift in recognition of their thirty years' service in Community Recreation.

During the last ten years renewed and enlarged efforts were made to have more summer playgrounds, including more activities and reaching more children. Often Wabash Community Service, Incorporated, so termed since 1940, became the promoter of activities which were intended to be, and were, taken over by other organizations.

Model trains, Honeywell Memorial



Craft room, Honeywell Memorial

BOYS MUST NOT
RUN THIS SAW.

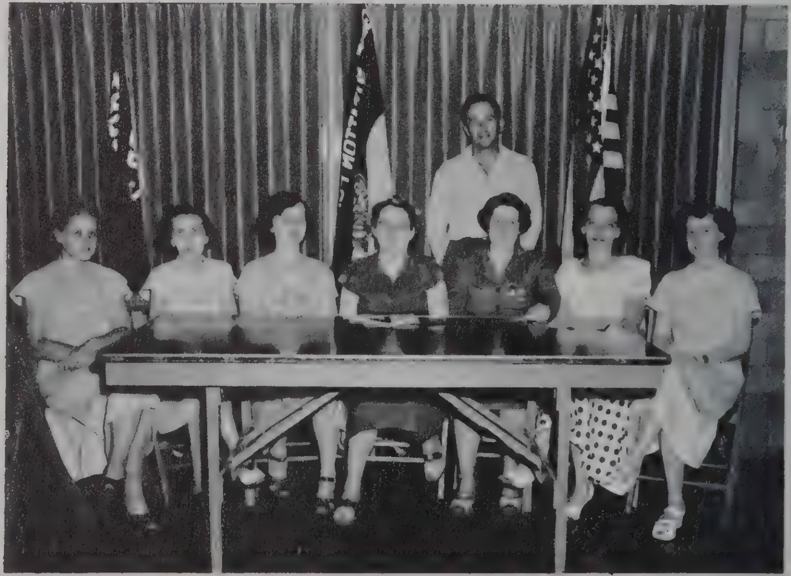
Girl Scouts and Executive Director, Mrs. Max Gray, at inter-city skating party, Honeywell Memorial

Brownies at Honeywell Memorial City-wide Roller Skating Party

When the W. C. Mills family came to Wabash, they took Camp Fire girls on camping expeditions. On May 24, 1924 application was made for the first charter for a Girl Scout organization. Today there are 345 girls registered from 13 troops in the city: 5 Brownie, 5 Intermediate, 2 Junior High School and 1 Senior High School. Brownies are girls from 7-10 years of age, Intermediates, 10-14.

Girl Scout Board of Directors

Left to right: Mrs. Lewis Kaufmann, Mrs. William Wilke, Secretary, Mrs. Philip Magner Jr., Vice President, Marjorie Schlemmer, President, Mrs. Max Gray, Executive Director, Mrs. Willard Jacobs, Miss Lavita Malott; Mr. Kenneth Ridlon, Treasurer.



--- at the Honeywell Memorial Community Center

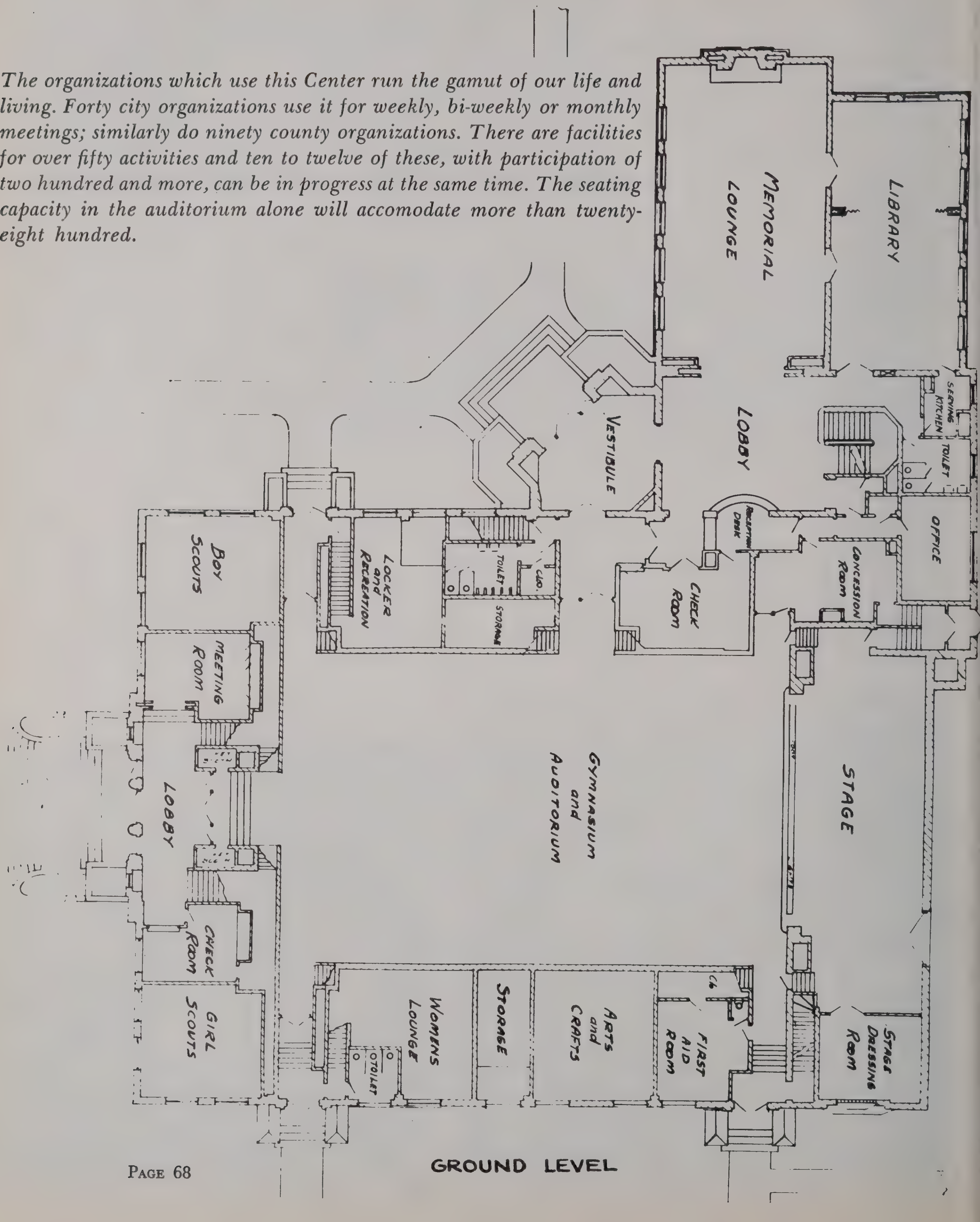
No one could have taken more care in perfecting, even in the smallest details, the construction of the Community Center than the donor, Mr. Mark C. Honeywell. If the finish on a railing, a panel or a floor board was not quite satisfactory, it was re-done once, or twice, or even more until it was perfect. Beneath the finished maple playing floor in the auditorium are two other floors, with the space between the oak sleepers of the original concrete floor filled with granulated rock wool to deaden sound. The ivory ceiling, which blends so beautifully with the soft browns of the walls and the natural finish woodwork, is illuminated with lights set flush in the ceiling. The air conditioning works automatically—and so without end is the perfection of details in the construction of this Community Center for recreation, entertainment, and culture of all ages, and particularly of adults.

In 1940 the Honeywell Foundation was established to operate the Honeywell Memorial Community Center. The Directors are Wilbur Ford, President; Mrs. M. C. Honeywell, Vice President; Marvel Walrod, Sec.-Treas.; W. L. Huff, and, ex-officio, Mayor E. A. Timmons, Hubert Oswalt, Judge Byron C. Kennedy, and Leewell H. Carpenter.

Phil Magner, Manager; and Secretary, Mrs. Wayne Abell

Robert McCrary, Food Caterer; and Irene Carlisle, Food Service Manager

The organizations which use this Center run the gamut of our life and living. Forty city organizations use it for weekly, bi-weekly or monthly meetings; similarly do ninety county organizations. There are facilities for over fifty activities and ten to twelve of these, with participation of two hundred and more, can be in progress at the same time. The seating capacity in the auditorium alone will accomodate more than twenty-eight hundred.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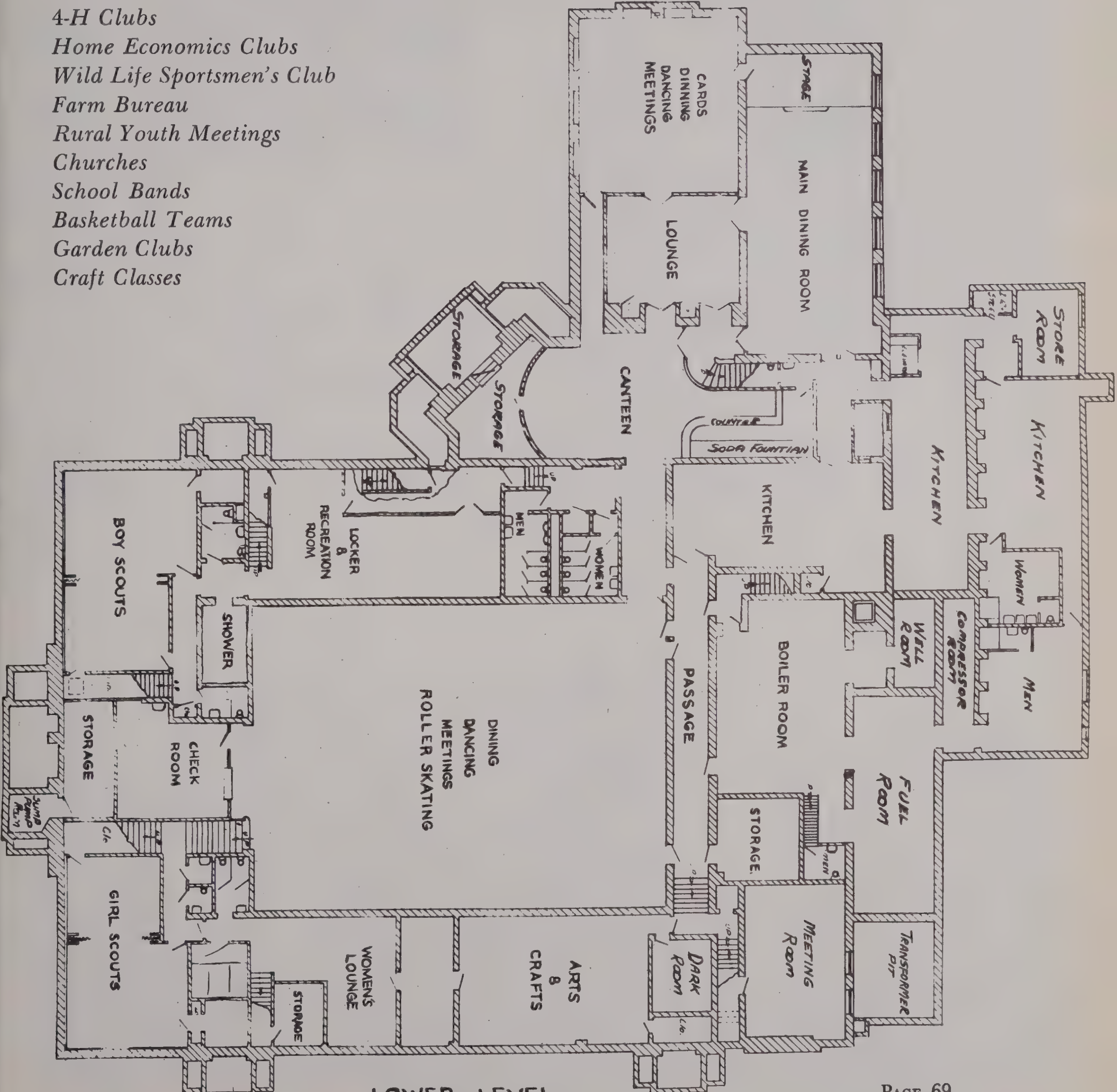
SERVING KITCHEN
TOILET
OFFICE
RECEPTION DESK
CHECK ROOM
CONCESSION ROOM
LOCKER and RECREATION
TOILET
CLO.
STORAGE
BOY SCOUTS
MEETING ROOM
GYMNASIUM and AUDITORIUM
STAGE
LOBBY
CHECK ROOM
GIRL SCOUTS
WOMENS LOUNGE
TOILET
STORAGE
ARTS and CRAFTS
FIRST AID ROOM
CL.
STAGE DRESSING ROOM

GROUND LEVEL

A few of the organizations or groups using this Community Center:

Boy Scouts
Girl Scouts
Wabash Unit of Indiana State Symphony
Wabash Civic Association
4-H Clubs
Home Economics Clubs
Wild Life Sportsmen's Club
Farm Bureau
Rural Youth Meetings
Churches
School Bands
Basketball Teams
Garden Clubs
Craft Classes


CARDS
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STORE ROOM
KITCHEN
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KITCHEN
BOY SCOUTS
LOCKER & RECREATION ROOM
MEN
WOMEN
SHOWER
WOMEN
WELL ROOM
COMPRESSOR ROOM
MEN
BOILER ROOM
PASSAGE
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CHECK ROOM
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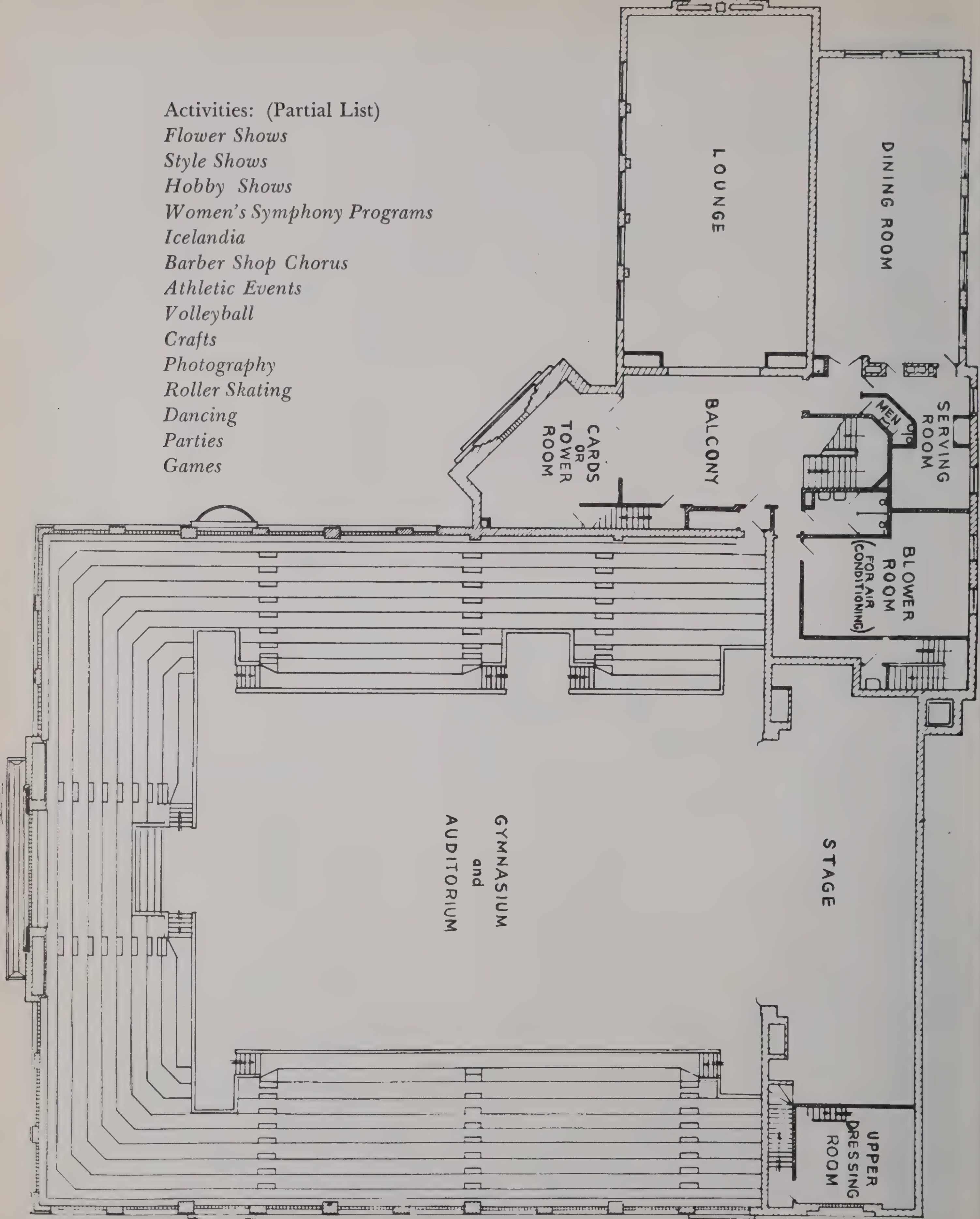
FUEL ROOM
STORAGE
MEN
C.L.
GIRL SCOUTS
STORAGE
WOMEN'S LOUNGE
ARTS & CRAFTS
DARK ROOM
C.L.
MEETING ROOM
TRANSFORMER PIT

LOWER LEVEL

Activities: (Partial List)
Flower Shows
Style Shows
Hobby Shows
Women's Symphony Programs
Icelandia
Barber Shop Chorus
Athletic Events
Volleyball
Crafts
Photography
Roller Skating
Dancing
Parties
Games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DINING ROOM
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CARDS OR TOWER ROOM
MEN
SERVING ROOM
BLOWER ROOM (FOR AIR CONDITIONING)
GYMNASIUM and AUDITORIUM
STAGE
UPPER DRESSING ROOM

TOP LEVEL

Less-than-six-years-old in a ten-foot dive

Diving Class——Diehl Pool

The G. M. Diehl Swimming Pool, founded in 1931 by George M. Diehl, is 120 feet long and 51 feet wide. At the deepest end it is 9 feet; at the shallow end, 32 inches. During the summer months, 10,000 swimmers use it. In 1935, the pool was bought and completed by Carl Scheerer and is operated by him today.

Swimming class for 6-13 year olds, Diehl pool; Bill Marks, instructor

"First-in", Swimming Pool

Wendell Henry, Field Scout Executive—Wabash County District

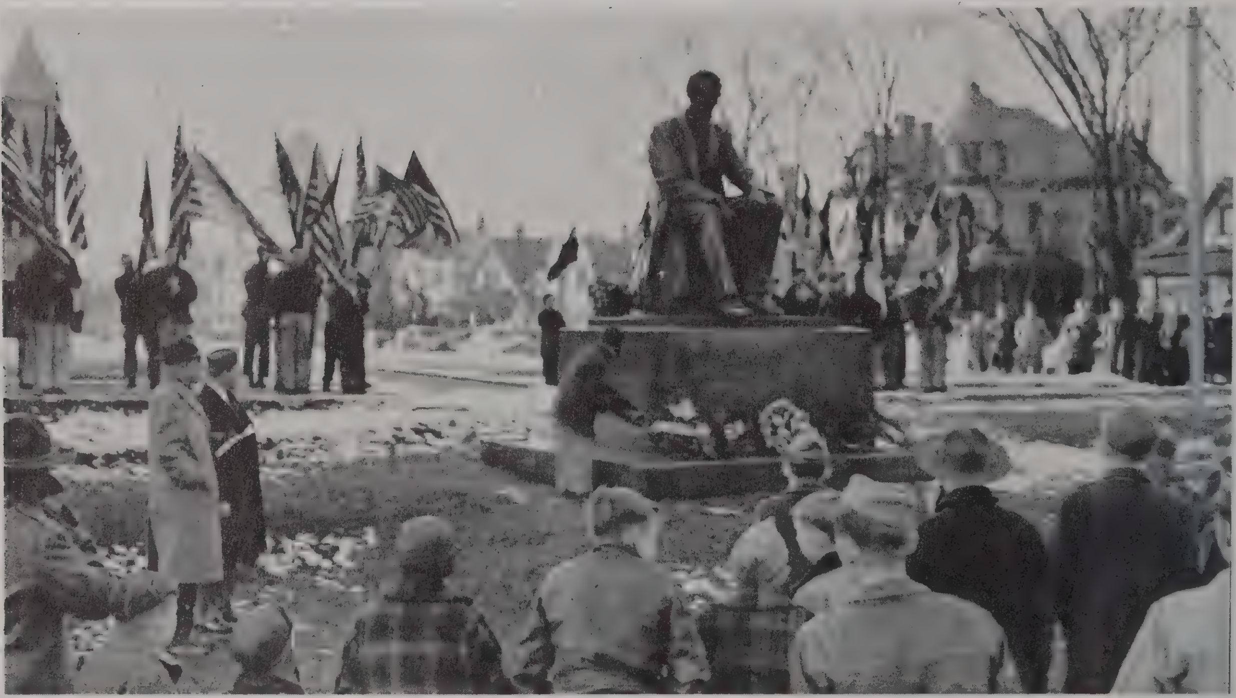
The Scout Movement

Total membership, June 1950:

	County	City
Cub Scouts, ages 8-10	310	142
Boy Scouts, ages 11-13	365	177
Explorers, ages 14 and up	72	41
Number of Units:		
Packs	10	5
Troops	15	6
Explorers Units	4	2

In 1939, *Boy Scouting in Wabash was sponsored by Community Service under the direction of W. C. Mills. Mr. Mills, of course, was under the jurisdiction of George O. Crossland, Scout Executive, Marion, of the Meshingomesia area council. However, Mr. Mills had sole charge of Scouting earlier than this, starting in the early 20's with the famous Boy Scout camping expeditions on Eel River and elsewhere.*

Annual Boy Scout Pilgrimage to Lincoln Memorial Statue



Sponsoring Institutions
Partial List—Wabash

Century School P.T.A. (Pack)
Middle Street M.E. (Troop)
Catholic Church (Troop 13)
Knights of Pythias (Post 79)
Lagro: Lions Club (Troop, Post 54)
Laketon: E.U.B. Church (Troop 77)
Somerset: Christian Church (Pack 100)

Wabash County Boy Scouts at Jamboree, Valley Forge, Pa.

In 1943 when the first Field Executive, William Visser, came to Wabash, the Scout movement became an entity separate from the Community Service. At that time there were only four troops in Wabash and one in North Manchester. Today, however, there are 29 units in the county, 13 in Wabash—in all 747 boys and young men are registered with Mr. Wendell Henry as their Field Executive.

Boy Scouts at Bunker Hill Naval Base Swimming Pool

Wabash County Home Economics Chorus—Where's the train?

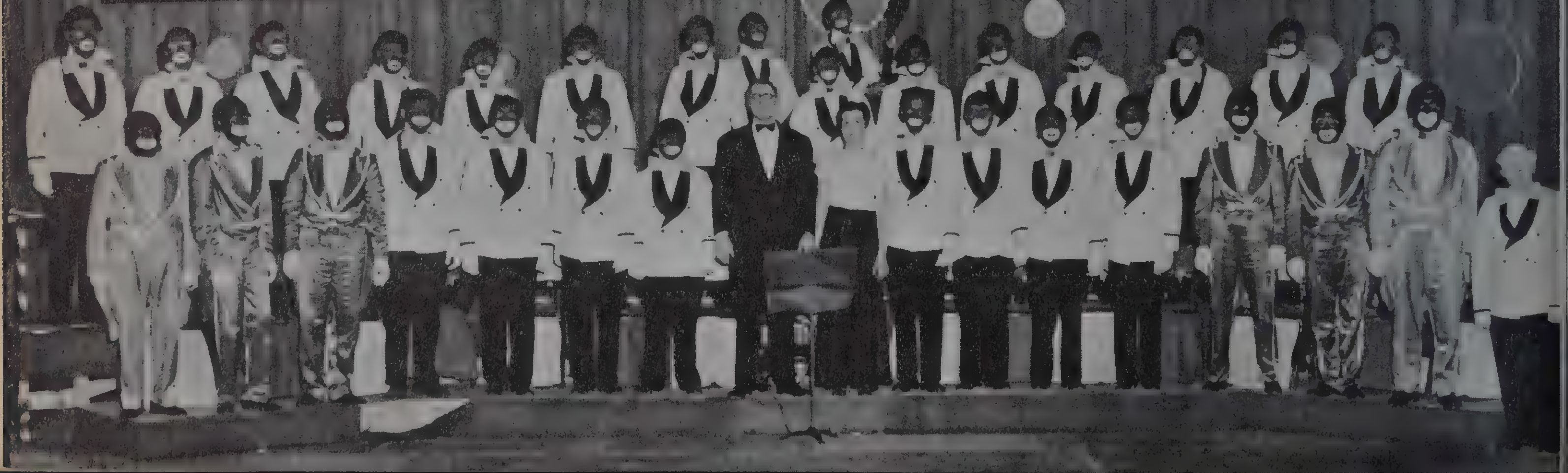
Sing, girls, sing!

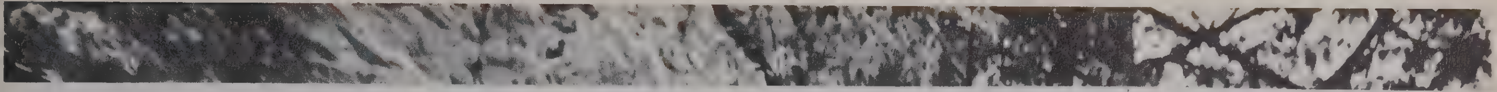
The Wabash County Home Economics Chorus, organized May, 1949, now has 38 members who meet bi-monthly for rehearsal. In its first year the chorus presented 14 programs.

The Wabash Chapter of the Society for the Encouragement and Preservation of Barbershop Quartet Singing in America has a county-wide membership of men who love American folk music.

Sing, boys?, sing

S.P.E.B.S.Q.S.A.—and they harmonize, too





Mr. and Mrs. Wabash and family --- in County Recreation

County Recreation Director, John T. Moake and Secretary

Meeting of volunteer county recreation leaders

The Wabash County Board of Parks and Recreation, the first in Indiana, was organized to provide recreational leadership in the rural communities. The Sears Foundation agreed to subsidize the program with a gift of $3500 per year for the first three years. The Wabash County Council approved a $.03 tax levy for 1949. Wm. K. Delaplane, County Agricultural Agent, C. L. Vandegrift, County Superintendent of Schools, Clarence Bowman, Paul Faudree, and E. C. Faust were members of the first board.

New Salem Playground—visited by John Moake monthly

Salem School

Chester Playground

Conservation Club at Red Bridge

Playgrounds were operated at 4 schools in the county during the summer. Activities in which the children participated on the playgrounds were as followss croquet, horseshoes, badminton, dodge ball, softball, basketball, folk games, sidewalk tennis and relays. Mr. Robert Schnar was the director of the 58 piece band that was organized as a county band from the first-chair players in the various school bands of the County.

Urbana Playground

Servia School

Rural Youth presents a play

Rural Youth at the skating rink

Recreation plays an important part in the Rural Youth Organization activities. During the past few months, a demonstration team has been organized and has given folk game demonstrations before several groups.

A Handicraft Institute was conducted to train 4-H Adult and Junior Leaders to help 4-H members start their craft projects.

Home Economics Club in the lounge

Checker Champs

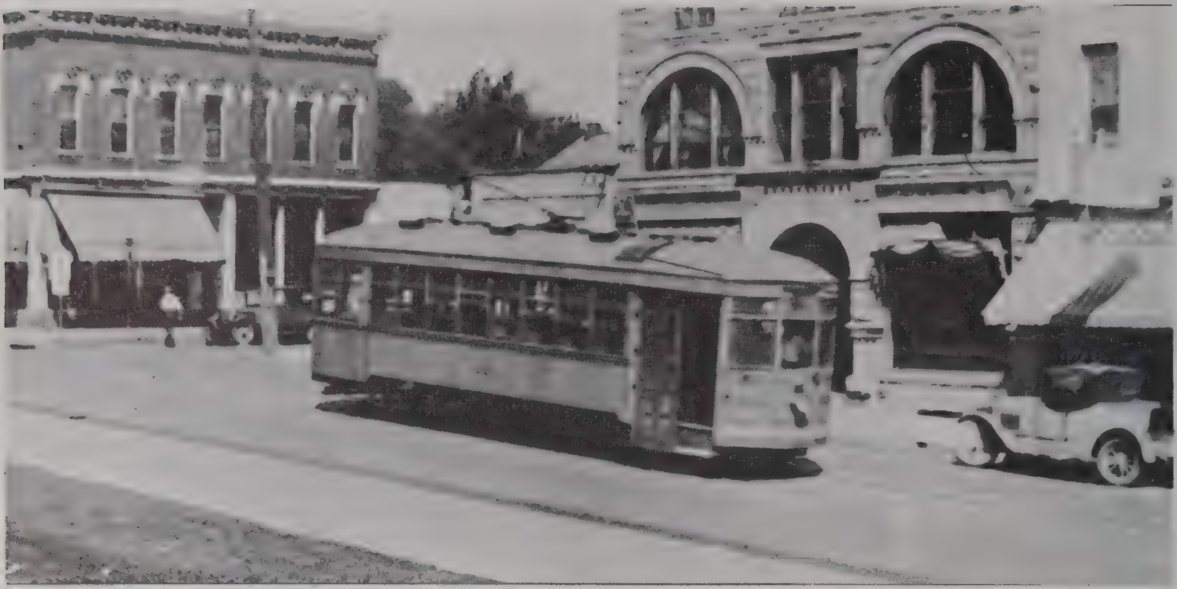
Mr. and Mrs. Wabash and family --- on Wheels

Old dobbin found it difficult to keep pace with the times.

Wheels a-rolling—*And with each turn, progress and development moved ahead.*

In the early days oxen were used as beasts of burden. Well into the twentieth century, the horse was supreme. Today, there are less than a thousand horses but over 6,000 *cars,* 1,100 *trucks and* 1,800 *tractors in the county. We even have the flying farmer who seeds his land in flight.*

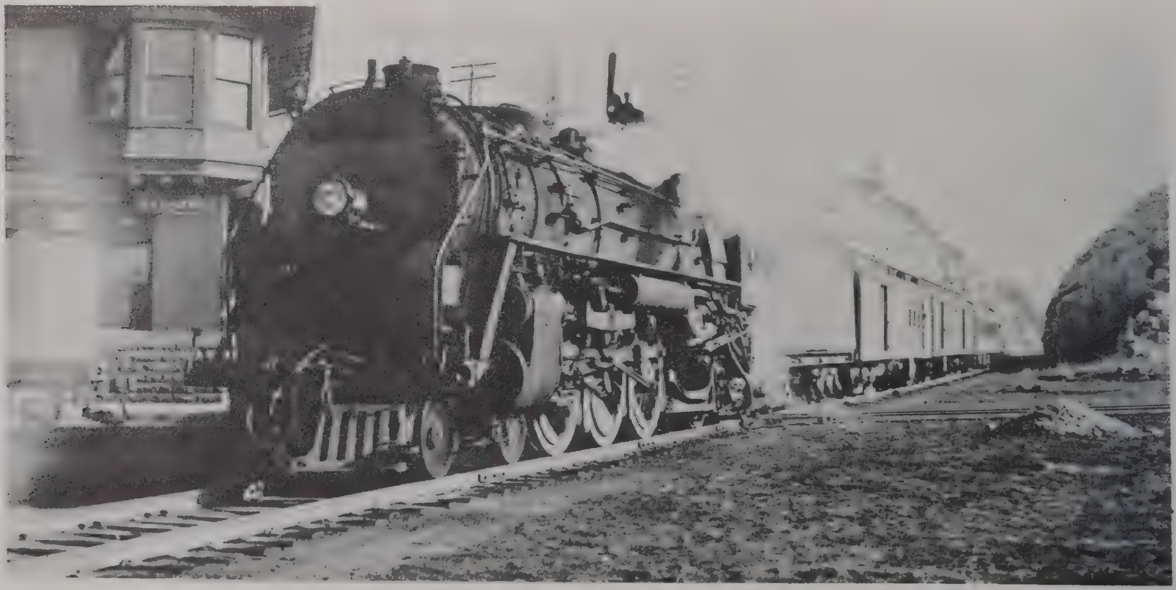
The "High" Bike—muscles and nerve, the only requirement



August 28, 1930, Car No. 214 made its last run

The interurban was accompanied by the city street cars which disappeared from the Wabash city streets in 1930. City, state and interstate bus lines take us north, south, east and west. The last passenger train on the Big-4 has left Wabash, but the same railroad established train-truck freight service. The modern Diesel operates on the Wabash Railroad. Commercial motor freight with hundreds of trucks operate from Wabash to the coast and the gulf.

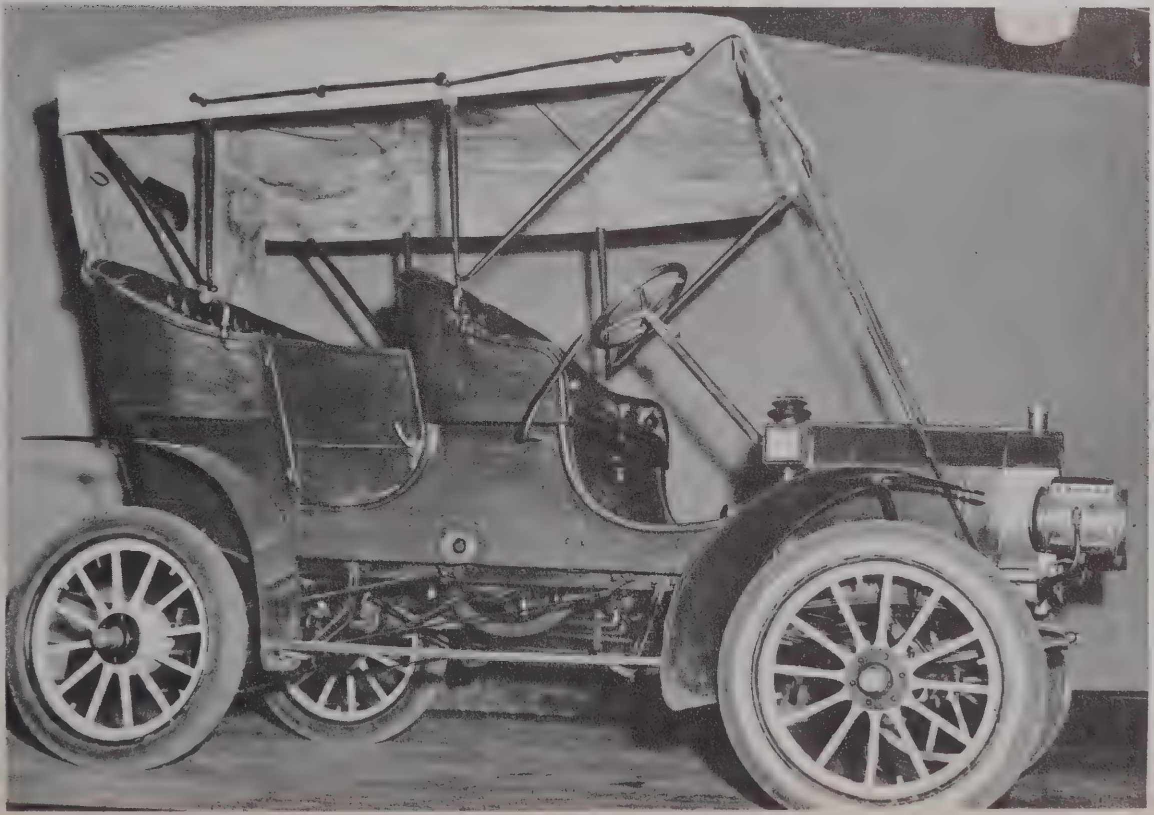
The last passenger train on the Big Four



A thrill—a spill—a minute!

And we have our motorcycle club, races—and spills—but it remained for the "mobile" to transform our lives, to make possible consolidated schools, larger rural and city churches, quick, frequent trips for marketing products and supplying needs. The movies are available to all, as are special programs, concerts, and performances of quality; "Icelandia," Home Economics Chorus programs, home talent plays, Barber Shop Chorus minstrels and so on.

1905 Ford—a luxury indeed!



1949 Auto Show—no longer a luxury, today a necessity

Pictured above is the Wabash Automobile Show held in the Armory with numerous models displayed. This show was very well attended. Behind the automobile dealers who bring the latest in transportation to us are the men in ignition services, tire stores, garages and filling stations who keep the wheels a-rolling on streets and highways which the city, county and state highway departments keep clear in all weather conditions.

Wabash Automobile Dealers' Association

Left to Right, Seated: G. T. Mahaney, R. E. Geyer, Jack Cross, A. I. McClanahan; *Standing*: V. B. Robinett, W. J. Dorais, R. D. Allisbaugh, Wm. H. Talbert, John Denny; *Missing from Picture*: Roy, Don and Tom Wertenberger, Gus Dorais, Marshall C. Henderson, Jim Randall.

WABASH AUTOMOBILE DEALERS' ASSOCIATION

R. D. Allisbaugh provides an attractive outlet for Studebakers

Marked in 1880 as a city quick to take full advantage of new inventions and devices when the first electric lights blazed from the Court House tower, Wabash was also in the forefront of the shift from horsepower in front of the wagon to horsepower under the hood. Wheels a-rolling early in this century over Wabash streets were pneumatic-tired. In fact, way back about 1908 shiny new Hupmobiles and Overlands were being delivered by a firm comprised of M. C. Honeywell, Fred Walter and S. C. Cowgill at the present site of the Scott 5c and 10c store. In 1910, Hupmobile, which was a very popular car at that time, registered a total of ten cars in the area.

CROSS
DeSoto
PLYMOUTH
SALES SERVICE
CROSS DeSoto-Plymouth CROSS

Jack Cross maintains the DeSoto-Plymouth agency established by his father, Perry

John Denny, Oldsmobile dealer, long associated with Wabash automobile agencies

WABASH AUTOMOBILE DEALERS' ASSOCIATION

DORAIS
CHEVROLET

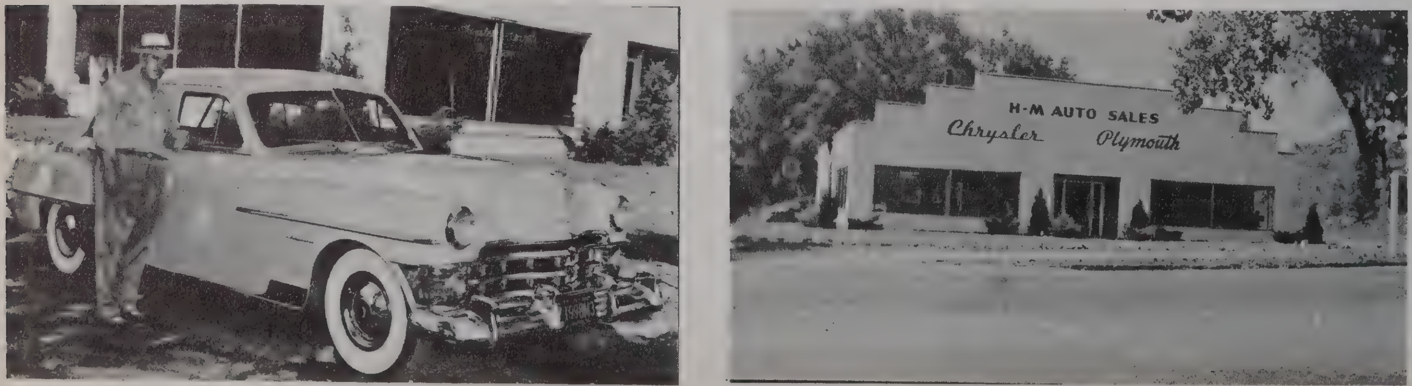
Gus and Bill Dorais—their agency has already set an outstanding sales record

At the half-century mark, twelve dealers handling 20 makes of cars form the retail automobile industry of the city of Wabash. In contrast to the few cars that rode bumpy streets in the olden days, more than 6,000 cars and trucks have been "plated" in seven months of 1950 by the Wabash License Bureau alone. This does not include many vehicles that are registered elsewhere in Wabash County but which are serviced by Wabash dealers. Thus the retail automobile business assumes considerable stature as a local industry, handling over two million dollars worth of new cars annually and employing more people than some of the city's larger factories.

GEYER
OR SALES
MERCURY

Another aggressive dealer is Bob Geyer with his Ford-Mercury agency

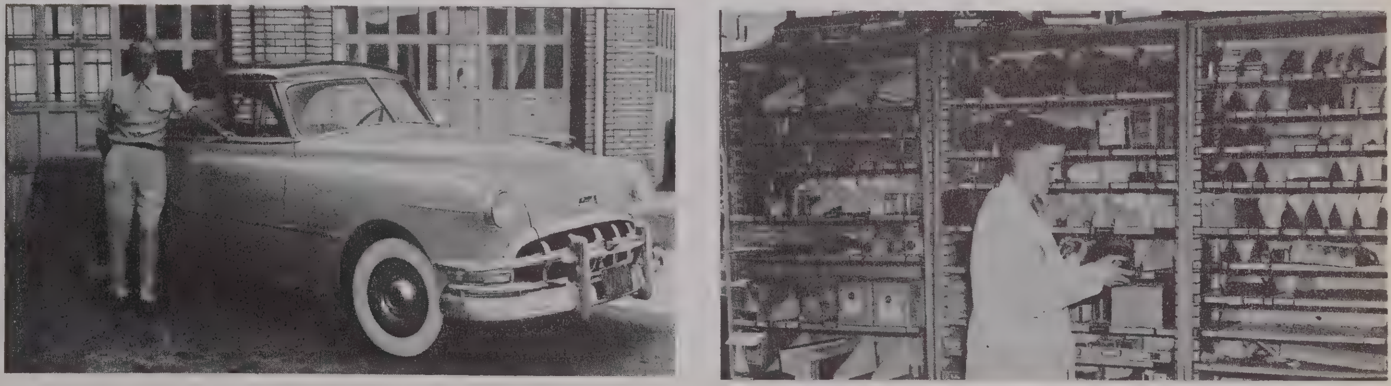
"Mack" provides a good sales and service department for all Chrysler-Plymouth owners



WABASH AUTOMOBILE DEALERS' ASSOCIATION

Packard agency, automobile, and dealer, Marshall C. Henderson, as seen by Mr. Wabash

The Wabash Automobile Dealers' Association is one of the stronger business groups of the city and enjoys the friendly and active cooperation of every member. Officers of the Association at the half-century mark are G. T. Mahaney, President, Jack Cross, Vice-president, and R. D. Allisbaugh, Secretary-Treasurer. Oldest member of the Association in point of continuous factory representation is W. H. Talbert who has handled the same line of cars and trucks since 1922. This 28-year span of service naturally resulted in a state-wide acquaintance in the industry that led to this popular dealer's election as a director of the Indiana Automobile Dealers' Association in 1950.



Cadillac-Pontiac owners are served by "Bud" Mahaney and his parts department

Buick—one of the younger agencies—handled most efficiently by V. B. Robinett.

ROBINETT
BUICK INC.

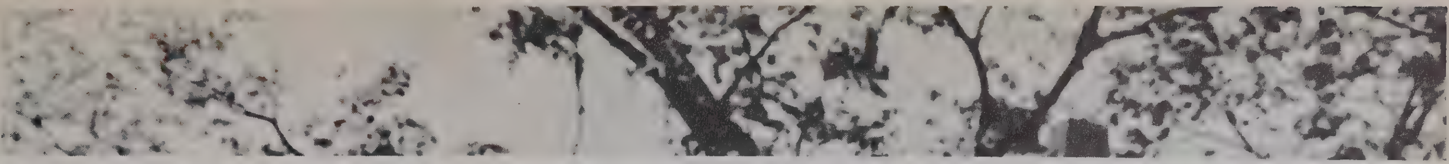
WABASH AUTOMOBILE DEALERS' ASSOCIATION

TALBERT BROTHERS
DODGE
Plymouth
DODGE TRUCKS
DODGE BROTHERS
MOTOR VEHICLES

Wm. H. Talbert, 28 years of service to auto owners, dealer for Dodge - Plymouth

The close of the half century sees wheels a-rolling at a speed, economy and volume never dreamed of in the old days. Some believe that the ultimate has been reached in personal transportation but more people know that this giant industry will continue to move forward to greater and greater accomplishments. Meanwhile, Wabash dealers will maintain the pace with every new method and device to see that Mr. and Mrs. Wabash's wheels keep a-rolling.

Kaiser-Frazer servants to Wabash—Tom, Roy and Don Wertenberger



Mr. and Mrs. Wabash and family --- at the Club

Fraternal Order of Police entertain School Safety Patrol in cooperation with the Chicago Motor Club

"He's a jolly good fellow" could have been dedicated to Mr. and Mrs. Wabash and family, for these people have discovered that clubs add to the enjoyment of living, day in, day out and provide the means for effective group activity. Today our clubs initiate and complete projects which contribute to the community well-being.

Mrs. Charles Daugherty and Mrs. Harry Gray exhibit their very attractive informal luncheon table at the *Wabash Garden Clubs' Tea.*

Women's Club House, center of many delightful social affairs

WABASH EXCHANGE
CLUB
UNITY FOR AMERICANISM
UNITY SERVICE
KIWANIS

Service Clubs enter into city activities

Briefly, there are over one hundred clubs to serve the social, cultural, business and professional needs of Mr. and Mrs. Wabash. Naming only a very few of the projects to which these clubs have contributed: Community visiting nurse, hospital equipment, Community Service, cancer control, Red Cross, Girl Scouts, Boy Scouts, student loan, assistance to the blind, Women's Club House, Latin-American Exchange-student fund, art, and on and on—.

Club House of the *Tri Township Home Economics Clubs* at Treaty

Midwestern Hayride sponsored by the*Altrusans*

MIDWESTERN HAYRIDE
Sponsored by

WABASH COUNTRY CLUB

J. D. Welty, Manager

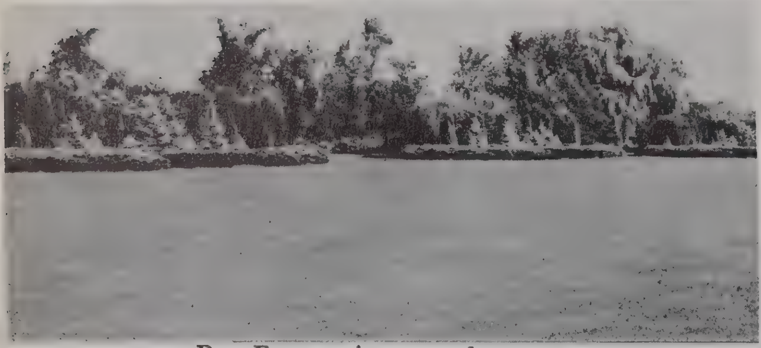
The Wabash Country Club was incorporated March 7, 1945, with the following officers: W. H. Talbert, President; Leo Gaughn, Vice President; E. O. Ebbinghouse, Secretary and Treasurer; L. H. Carpenter, Fred A. Collinge, Howard Dodge, John Ford, Allen Glazier, Asher Gray, Franklin Plummer, W. T. Tillotson, L. H. Thompson.

Through the cooperation of the Honeywell Foundation and the efforts of past presidents and Boards of Directors, the Wabash Country Club has progressed steadily. At present, this club has a closed membership of 300. Facilities for meetings and dining room service are available to all civic groups. To take care of growing demands, the management is enlarging the kitchen and installing new equipment.

The Wabash Country Club, formerly a part of the widely-known Honeywell Estate, covers 68 acres including the nine hole golf course. The Clubhouse proper comprises 6,000 square feet of floor space. It features Norman architecture of adzed half timber and stucco construction and buff Indiana limestone. On the south side of the Clubhouse, the Formal Great Garden stands as the most beautiful part of the club grounds.

Recognized for its striking symmetry beauty, the Garden offers a magnificent setting for weddings and large outdoor gatherings.

The Great Garden—



Roy Fox receives moral support

The Wabash Country Club

FRATERNAL ORDER OF EAGLES

Officers of Fraternal Order of Eagles

Left to right: W. Schlemmer, F. McGee, H. Harold, A. Tholke, L. Kizer, B. Cramer, J. Fry.

Wabash Aerie No. 549, Fraternal Order of Eagles was organized December 10, 1903. At that time there were 153 charter members—today there are 1059 members.

Of all our achievements, we are proud that we were the originator of MOTHERS DAY and helped to secure and extend the passage of laws providing for Workmen's Compensations, Old Age Pensions, Widow's Pensions and Social Security Benefits.

Through support of softball, bowling and basketball teams, we have expressed our interest in sports.

Naturally, Wabash Aerie No. 549 is community-minded. The record shows liberal donations to Community Service, Red Cross, Boy Scouts, Empty Stocking Fund, and many other charitable organizations.

Amateur performances are always fun!

The Eagles Home

The Elks Home

BENEVOLENT AND PROTECTIVE ORDER OF ELKS

Wabash Lodge No. 471 of the Benevolent and Protective Order of the Elks received its charter February 15, 1899, with a total of 42 charter members.

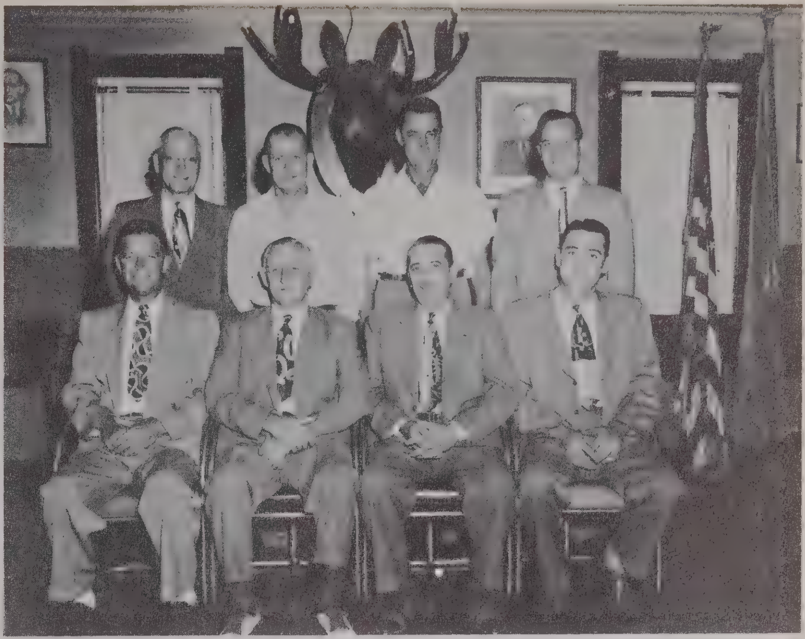
Brother Past Exalted Ruler Edward Beitman, Exalted Ruler in 1904 and Brother Blount Harsh of Indianapolis are the only two living charter members today. Since the day of our installation, our membership has grown to 506 as of March 31, 1950.

The Elks have staged various activities in the interests of community welfare; in the early days there was a minstrel, then a carnival and so on. The Elks' softball team of '40 was Wabash's first great softball club with a state-wide reputation.

Officers of the Elks

Left to right: Brother Marion Wright, Inner Guard; Brother Wendell Gurtner, Esteemed Leading Knight; Brother Roy Trisler, Exalted Ruler; Brother Albert Banghart, Esteemed Loyal Knight; Brother Clarence Walter, Esteemed Lecturing Knight.
Back row: Brother Marion Martin Jr., Esquire; Brother Harold Hagee, Trustee; Brother Mark Rish, Treasurer; Brother J. W. Lewis, Chaplain; Brother George Smith, Secretary.

LOYAL ORDER OF MOOSE



Officers of the Moose

Left to right: T. S. Cornell, F. B. Worthen, Herbert Badgett, John Harnish.
Seated: Fred Reno, Leroy Richards, R. F. Enyart, Kenneth Flora.
Absent from Picture: Arthur Strickler

The Loyal Order of Moose was organized in Wabash in November 12, 1912, with 50 members. Today the membership includes 600. The Loyal Order of Moose offers protection to the family.

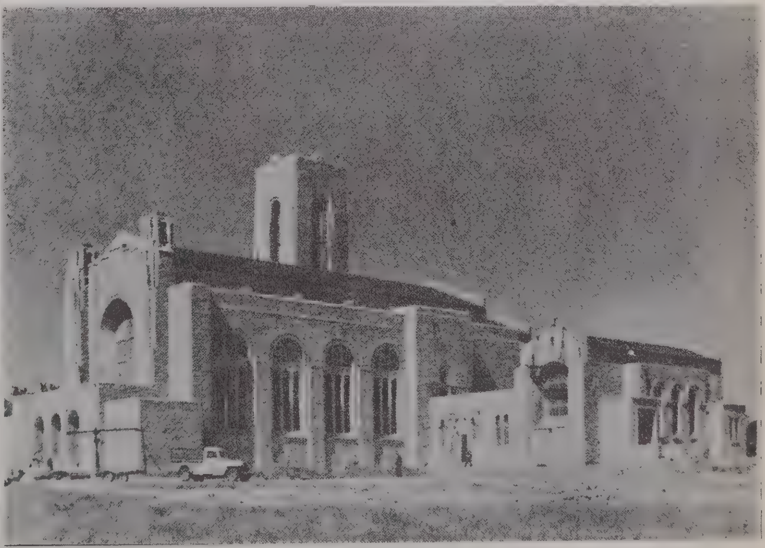
PURITY, AID, AND PROGRESS

The Loyal Order of Moose maintains Mooseheart, the child city for dependent children. Football fans will recall the character of the Mooseheart football team, which played the local high school in 1946. Moosehaven, home for aged Moose members, is also a project of this order. Moose provides sick benefits; funeral expenses.

FLOOR SHOWS—DANCES—GOOD FELLOWSHIP

Moose Home

New House of Worship at Mooseheart



R. B. Phillips—1st Commander of the American Legion, 1919

Raymond Crist, present Commander

AMERICAN LEGION, STINEMAN POST No. 15

Thomas Stineman Post No. 15, Inc., of the American Legion was chartered July 3, 1919. At that time headquarters were maintained in Memorial Hall, but in the fall of 1938 the present home site at the corner of Market and Cass streets was purchased. It was dedicated and opened February 18-19, 1939. Today there are 700 members who pledge "to consecrate and sanctify our comradeship by our devotion to mutual helpfulness."

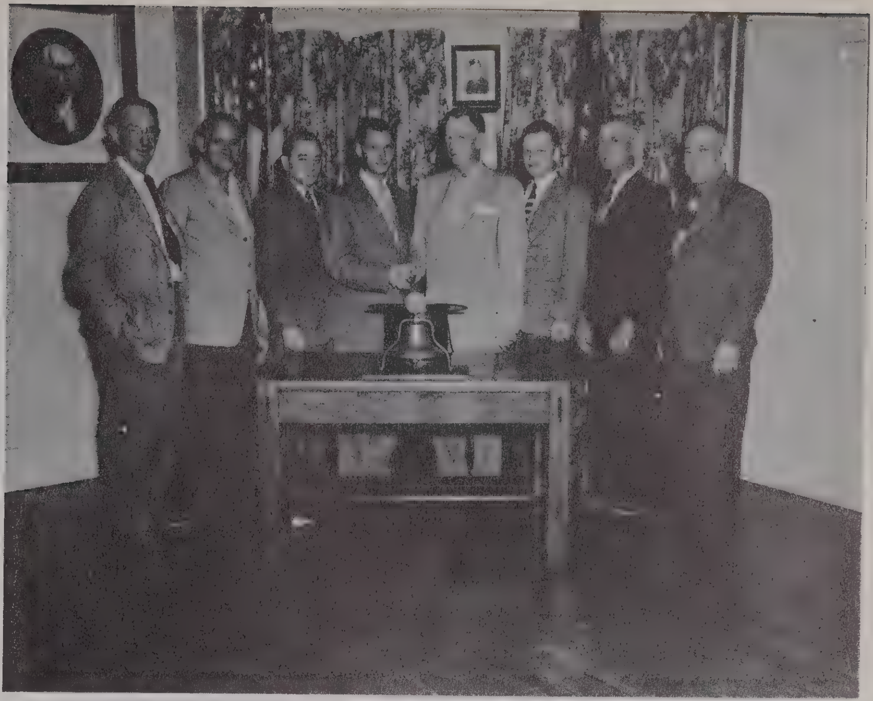
Thomas Stineman Post No. 15, Inc., of the American Legion always has been in the forefront, working for community welfare and betterment. "Always go along" is more than a happy phrase as performance of this Post bears witness.

THE CALENDAR IN BRIEF

1920—First meeting in State when full ritualistic ceremony conducted
1921—Gold Star trees planted in Wabash City Park
1925—Legion Sunday at churches
1933—Communistic activities investigated
1938—Sons of Legion organized into Junior Legion baseball team
1941—Flag pole presented to Wabash High School
1942—"Fall-in" booklets distributed to boys leaving for service with armed forces
1945—Infantry Show, demonstrating how the army works
1947—Donation toward purchase of C-46 for Senior Scouts
1948-49—Drum and Bugle Corps organized
1950—700 members

Officers

Left to right: Dr. F. M. Whisler, William C. Knott, George F. Boles, Raymond Crist, William Dunn, Bernard P. Sloan, Glen Ridgeway, R. E. Snyder

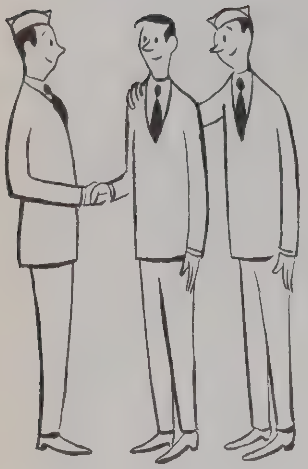


Retiring Commander Raymond Crist, offers Commander-Elect William Dunn, a congratulatory hand-shake at a Board of Directors meeting.

A popular pastime, table shuffleboard

American Legion Home, Thomas Stineman Post No. 15

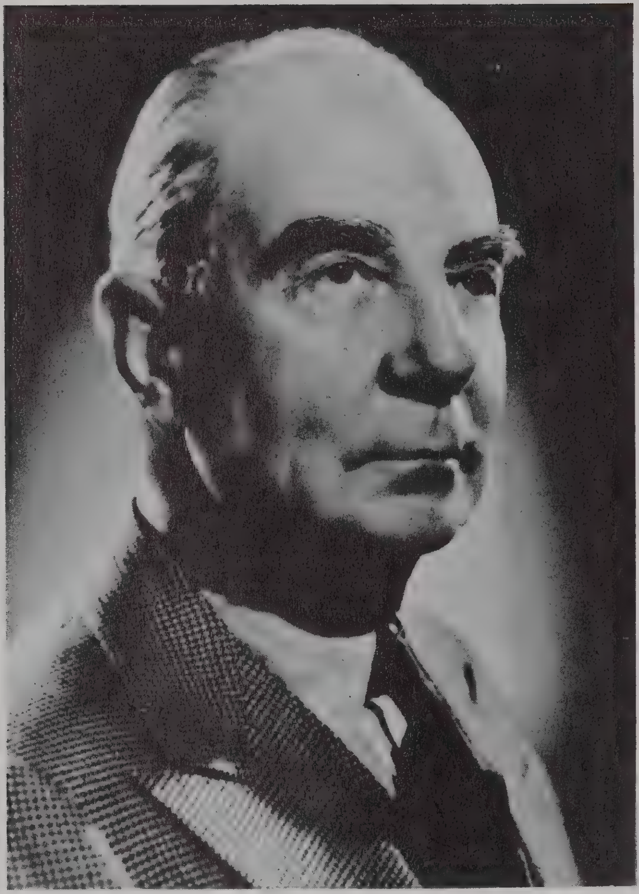
Drum and Bugle Corps



WABASH CLUBS
(partial list)

NAME	*No. of Clubs*	*No. of Members*
Federated Women's Clubs	40	750
County Home Economics	26	850
	Date of Organization	
Junior Chamber of Commerce	1946	40
SERVICE CLUBS		
Kiwanis	1920	85
Rotary	1921	53
Exchange	1937	72
Lions	1939	42
FRATERNAL ORGANIZATIONS		
Masons	1848	700
Knights of Pythias	1886	65
Independent Order of Odd Fellows	1898	50
Elks	1899	506
Eagles	1903	1059
Phi Delta Kappa	1911	
Moose	1912	600
Fraternal Order of Police	1938	16
PATRIOTIC ORGANIZATIONS		
American Legion	1919	700
Veterans of Foreign Wars	1945	300
LABOR ORGANIZATIONS		
American Federation of Labor	1946	2500
Congress of Industrial Organizations	1950	500
PROFESSIONAL MEN'S ORGANIZATIONS		
Wabash County Medical Society	1854	23
Wabash County Bar Association	no record	18

Mr. and Mrs. Wabash and family --- at Work in the City



MARK C. HONEYWELL

Distinguished Citizen 1947

"While his sphere has broadened and he has become 'a citizen of the world,' yet he has always remained one of us. His success, founded on research and hard work, is an inspiration to our youth; what he has contributed to the social, cultural, and civic activities of our city and community is beyond appraisal; what he is speaks for itself. It is altogether fitting that he should be chosen to receive the 1947 Distinguished Citizen Award."

—Judge Byron C. Kennedy

WABASH INDUSTRIES

AMERICAN ROCK WOOL CO.
Employees: 120
Product: Rock & Mineral Wool Insulation

A. F. BILLINGS CO.
Employees: 45-50
Product: Memorial wreaths & Holiday decorations

CELOTEX CORPORATION
Employees: 230-250
Product: Rock & Mineral Wool Insulation

CONTAINER CORP. OF AMERICA
Employees: 300
Product: Paperboard

DELUXE COILS, INC.
Employees: 60
Product: Electrical components

G.M. DIEHL MACHINE WORKS
Employees: 100-125
Product: Woodworking machinery

EAGLE-PICHER CO.
Employees: 50
Product: Mineral Wool Insulation

FORD METER BOX CO.
Employees: 80
Product: Water meter setting & testing equipment

GENERAL ELECTRIC COMPANY
Employees: 800
Product: Television cabinets

GENERAL TIRE & RUBBER CO.
Employees: 1400
Product: Mechanical rubber goods

HIPSHERS TOOL & DIE SHOP
Employees: 4
Product: Tool & Die Work

MIDWEST ROCK WOOL CORP.
Employees: 35
Products: Rock & Mineral Wool Insulation

MINNEAPOLIS-HONEYWELL CO.
Employees: 290
Product: Temperature & Humidity controls

ROCK WOOL ENGR. & EQUIP. CO.
Employees: 17
Product: Rock Wool Machinery

SPENCER CARDINAL CORP.
Employees: 190
Product: Television & Radio Equip.

STANDARD FOUNDRY COMPANY
Employees: 45
Product: Gray iron castings

TEMPLE INDUSTRIES, INC.
Employees: 6
Product: Steel fabricated products

THERMOID COMPANY
Employees: 30
Product: Hydraulic brake assembly

VICE BROS. PATTERN SHOP
Employees: 9
Product: Non-ferrous casting, wood & metal

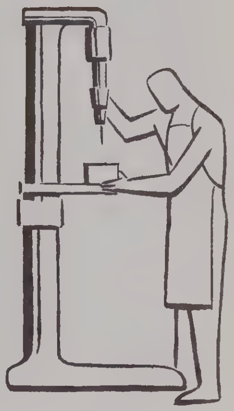
WABASH FILING SUPPLIES
Employees: 50
Product: Office indexing supplies

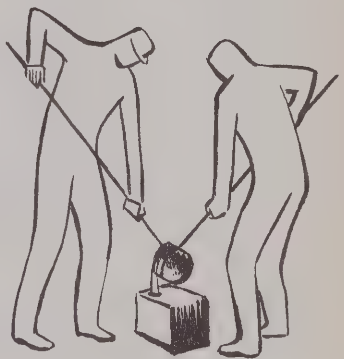
WABASH MACHINE & TOOL CO.
Employees: 3
Product: Machine shop tools & dies

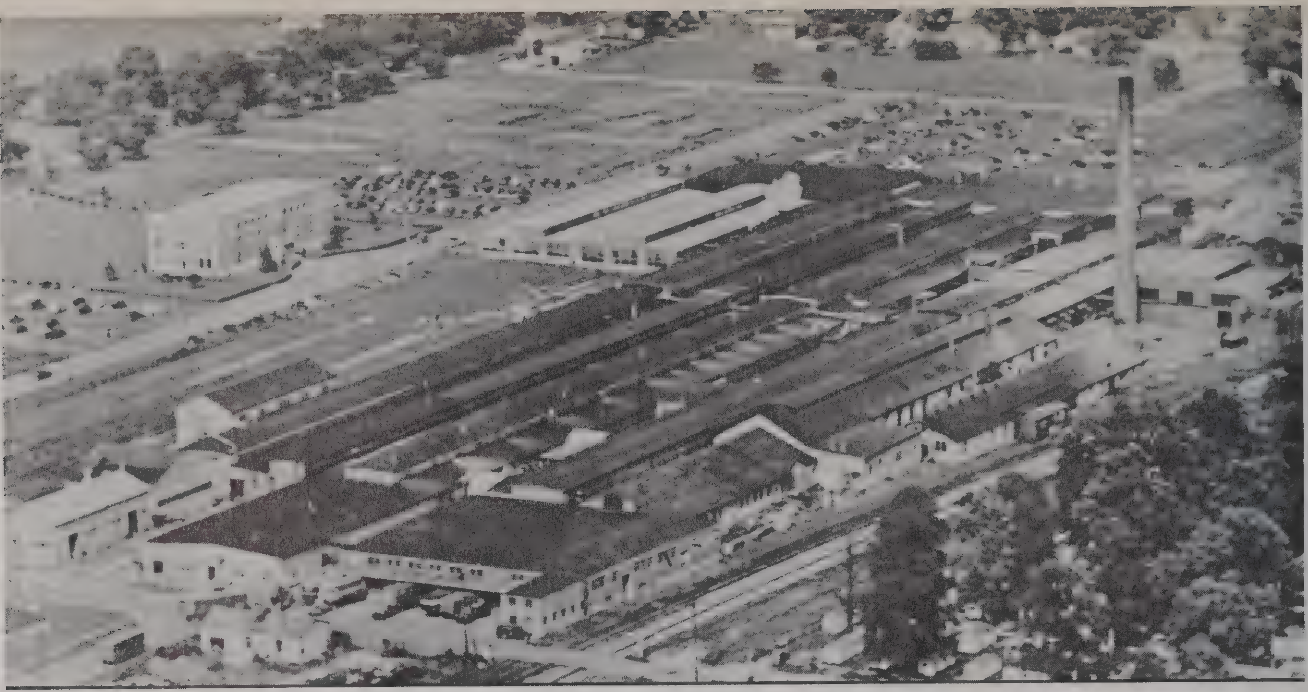
WABASH METAL PRODUCTS CO.
Employees: 9
Product: Metal file guide tabs & commercial stampings

WETZEL DISPLAY CASE CO.
Employees: 15
Product: Counter display cases

B. WALTER & COMPANY
Employees: 170
Product: Table slides & table hardware





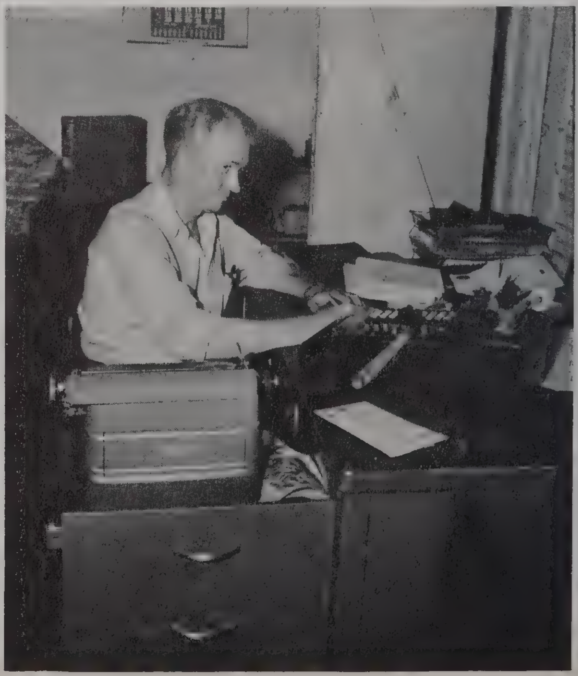


The General Tire & Rubber Co.

At the beginning there was need for food, clothing and shelter. The early pioneers were concerned with clearing the land. There were dense forests and wood was needed for the construction of cabins and the land, for the production of corn, wheat, flax and wool. There was a spinning wheel in every home. Corn-crackers and flour mills sprang up, saw mills that were run by water power, brick ovens, lime kilns, sorghum mills. Soon came the first furniture factory, the first tannery and a foundry which made cast iron plows.

At the Midwest Rock Wool Corporation

Rock Wool Engineering & Equipment Co.,
Earl R. Overman, Manager

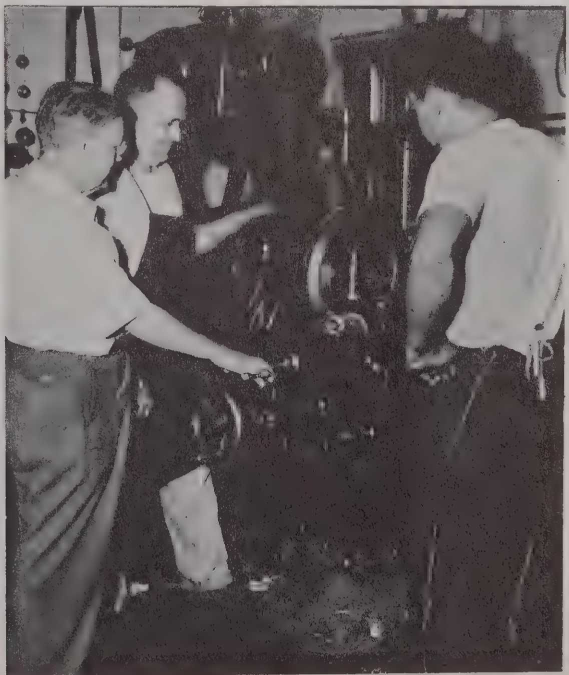


Eagle-Picher Company

During the last half of the 19*th century the markets widened—but in* 1882 *there were only three factories that could report annual sales of* $50,000 *or more. Each had* 60 *employees on their payrolls. Within this period two factories were founded by Wabash families which are still in operation, B. Walter and Co.* (1887) *and Ford Meter Box Company* (1898). *In* 1889 *the paper mill, later purchased by the Container Corporation of America, was founded.*

Vice Brothers Pattern Shop & Foundry

C. E. Miser, *left,* and employees at work at the Wabash Machine & Tool Co.



A. F. Billings, Manager, *right*,—A. F. Billings Co.

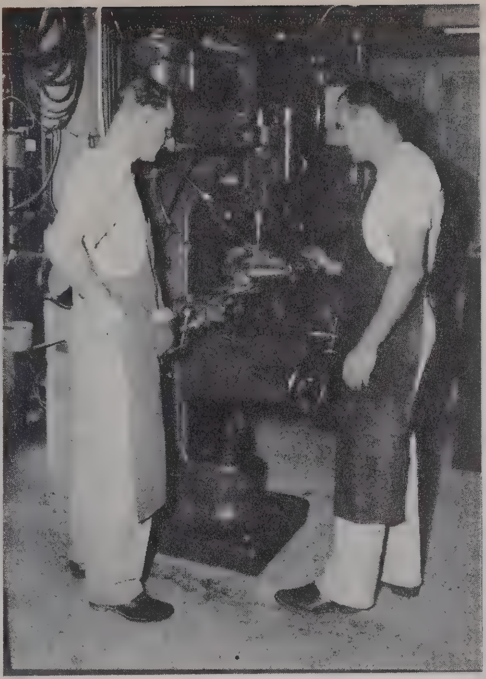
Standard Foundry Company

After the turn of the century, Mr. Mark C. Honeywell started his business for himself and in 1909, *George M. Diehl inaugurated his business.*

With the passing decades the scene changed more quickly. There came, to name a few: Spencer Cardinal Cabinet Corporation, 1927; *American Rock Wool Co.,* 1934; *General Tire and Rubber Co.,* 1936; *Celotex Co.,* 1942; *Eagle-Picher Co.,* 1942; *General Electric Co.,* 1944.

Spencer Cardinal Corporation

Plant Number 1
SPENCER CARDINAL CORPORATION



WETZEL DISPLAY CASE CO.

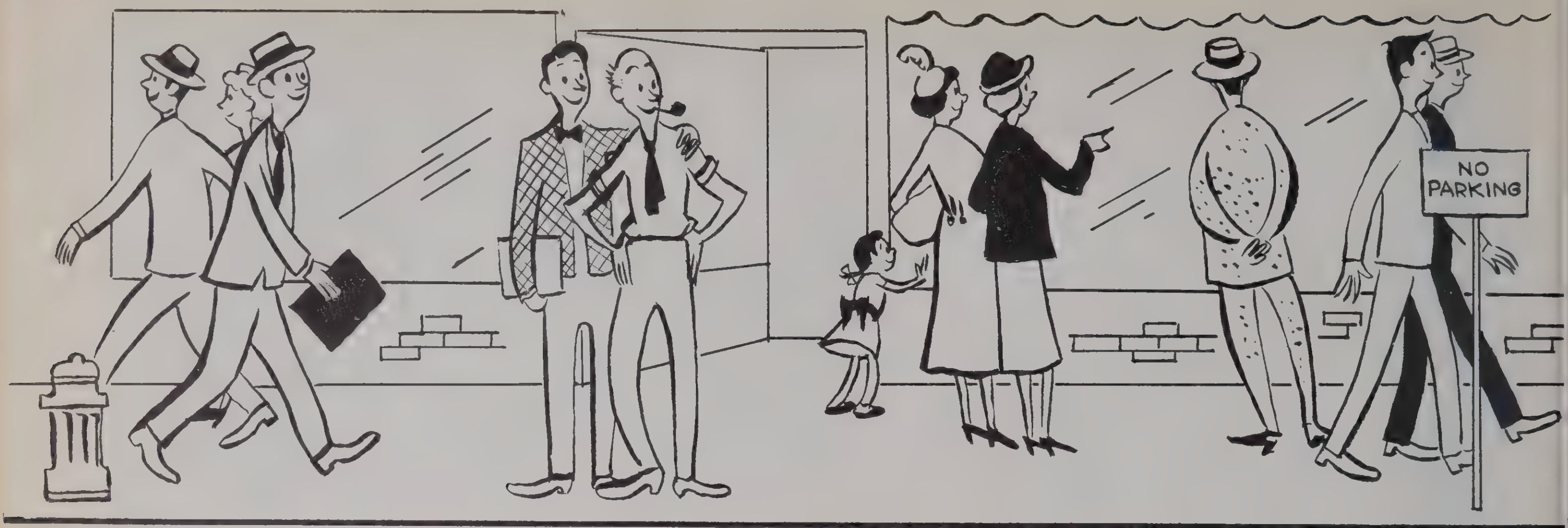
Wetzel Display Case Company

Hipshers Tool and Die Shop

And the parade continues with expanding plants and new enterprises. Today there are 24 factories in Wabash city area. The payrolls run from a few employees to 1,400—in all there are over 3,100 on Wabash factories payrolls. The products range from memorial wreaths and holiday decorations to mechanical rubber goods. Four of the factories produce rock wool insulation. Temperature and humidity controls of renown are the products of another. Water meter setting and testing equipment, sold to more than 1,000 governmental units, are the products of still another.

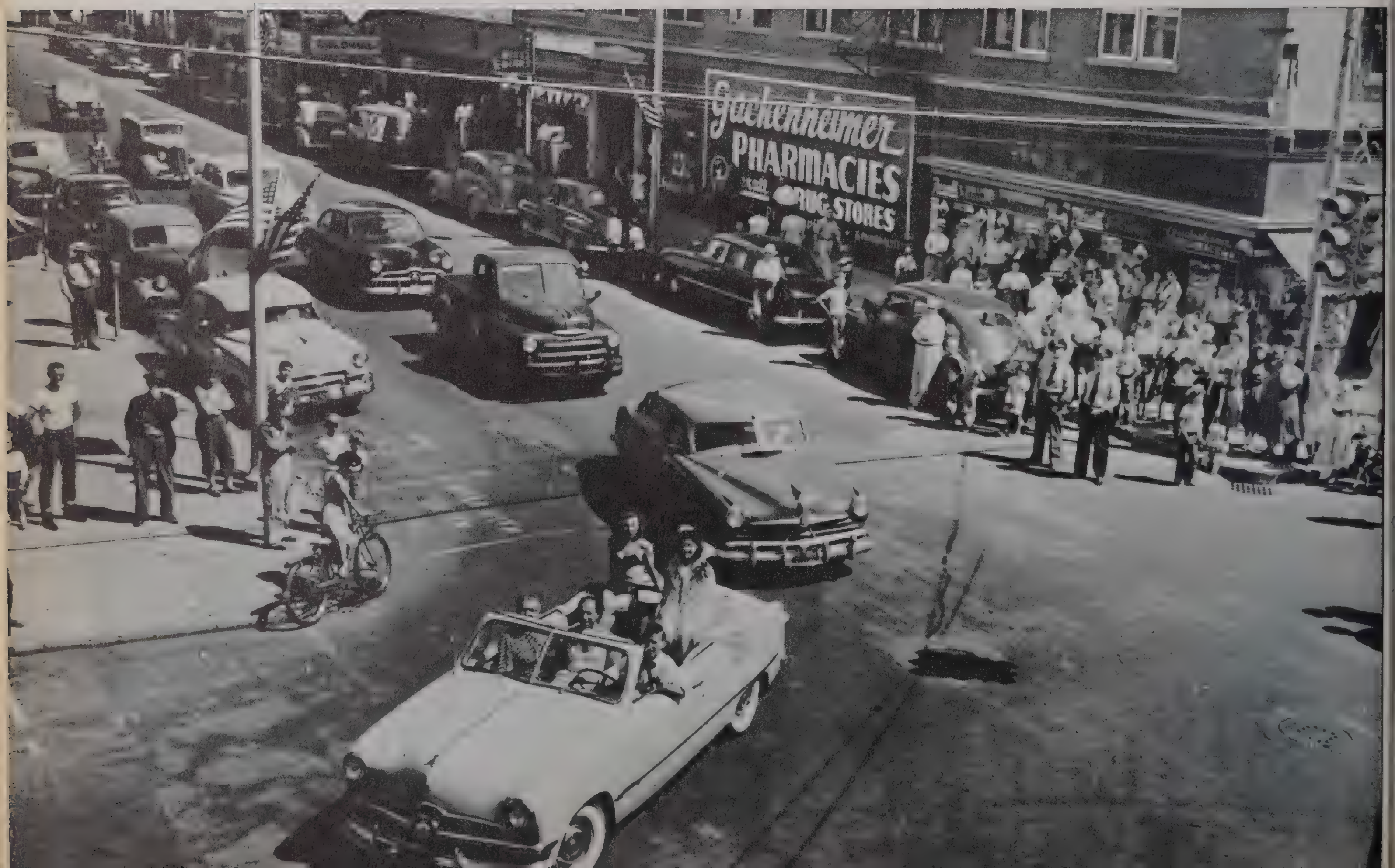
Not the least interesting is the plant which produces 4,300 items of index and form office supplies. Wabash, at last, is a small diversified industrial center.

Celotex Corporation — Lagro



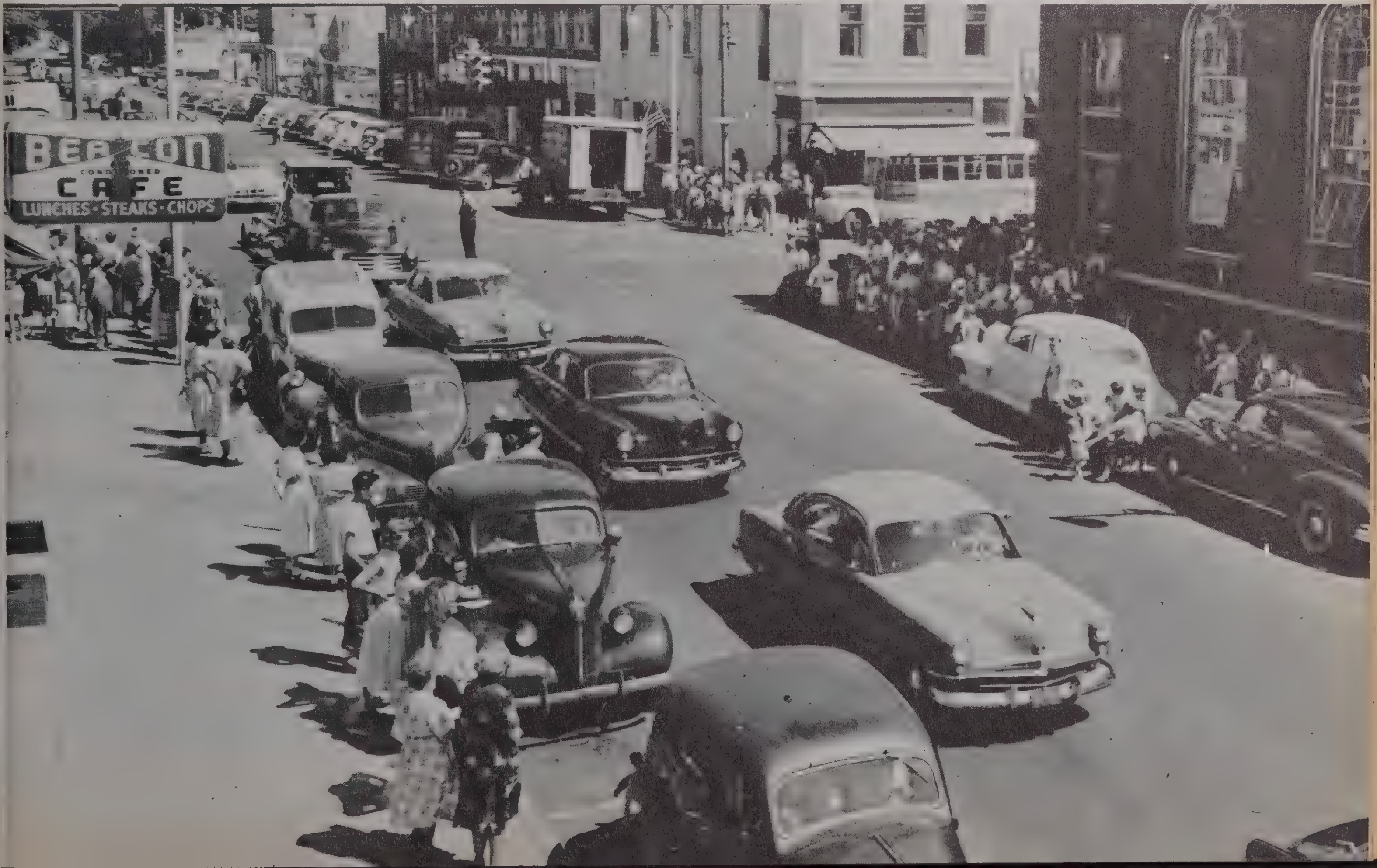
During 1828 *Samuel McClure, the first white settler, opened at his home the first store in the county. Col. Steele opened the first provision store; and Col. Hugh Hanna, co-founder of the city of Wabash, the first dry-goods store. In* 1846 *were laid the foundations of Beitman, Wolf & Co., Men's and Women's Wear. Three years later King, Hipskind Co., Hardware, was founded—these are the Centennial stores. And soon after* 1900 *came a dozen or more local firms still in continuous operation—then, the chains, and a group of new merchants—all contributing to the growth of the retail market of Wabash.*

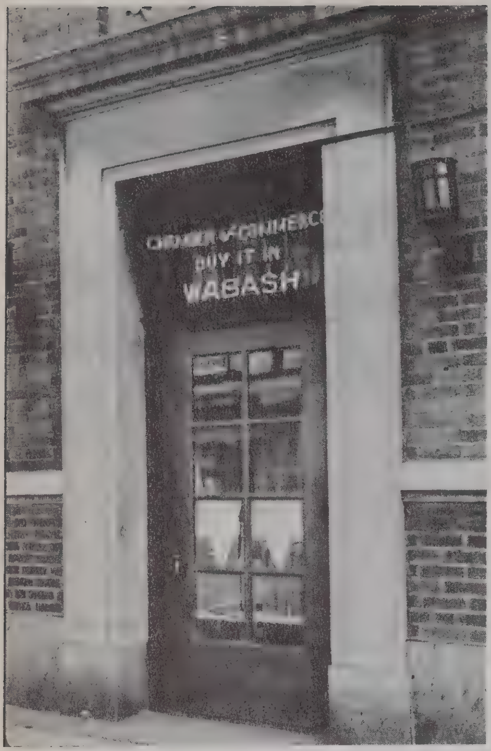
Market and Miami Streets



Retailing has changed with the times. There are attractive window displays of the latest styles in women's and men's wear, furniture vogues, jewelry designs and novelties. There are counter displays of a variety of foods, fresh, frozen or packaged. Dealers in automobiles, accessories and tires are ready to serve. Druggists with full stocks cater to your needs. Hardware dealers bid you come. National brands demand attention. Latest farm implements are available. Attractive store fronts continue throughout the retail district. Retail lumber yards are well stocked. And at night brilliant neon signs beckon you and remind you of products within your telephone call tomorrow or early shopping trip.

Market and Wabash Streets





Entrance to the Wabash Chamber of Commerce

THE WABASH CHAMBER OF COMMERCE, INC. was incorporated in its present form on February 14, 1945, as a direct outgrowth (with a change in name only) of the United Organizations of Wabash, Inc., which in turn was incorporated on April 9, 1942. Prior to that time there had been a lapse of several years since the existence of the original Chamber of Commerce, which went out of business during the depression years of the 30's.

The basic purpose of the Chamber of Commerce is to promote the betterment of the Civic, Business, and Industrial affairs of the community. Its financial support is gained from its members who are persons or firms engaged in bona-fide Business, Industry, and Profession. Its affairs are governed by a twelve-man Board of Directors and administered by a full-time Executive Vice-President and Secretary. The office staff, in addition to the Secretary, consists of two women employees.

The Industrial Division functions, as such, through an Executive Committee, which makes its desires known to the Board of Directors. Good inter-industrial relationship is promoted through this Division. The Industrial Division is represented by three members on the Board of Directors of the Chamber.

Wabash Chamber of Commerce, Board of Directors

Left to right: Harold Hagee, Byron Kennedy, Richard Miller, Richard Neher, J. Paul Cairns, T. J. Cleary, L. R. Addington, Lawrence Myers, L. N. Hetzner, II.
Absent when photograph was taken: Wilbur Ford, Laurence Gray, Robert Geyer, Joseph Geyer, Mayor E. A. Timmons, Dr. H. A. Pfeiffer, John Beauchamp.

Office Secretaries: Charlotte Barnett, Marie Norwood

Chamber of Commerce Officers: J. P. Cairns, President; W. R. Neher, Executive Secretary

The Retail Division is an integral part of the Chamber, but maintains its own Treasury and its own officers and Executive Committee for the governing of their own promotional projects. The Retail Division is likewise represented by three members on the Board of Directors.

The Professional Division and the General Division is each represented by three members on the Board of Directors.

At the present time, there are approximately 275 members in the Chamber of Commerce holding approximately 400 memberships.

Winners of the 1949 Turtle Derby, sponsored by the Wabash Junior Chamber of Commerce

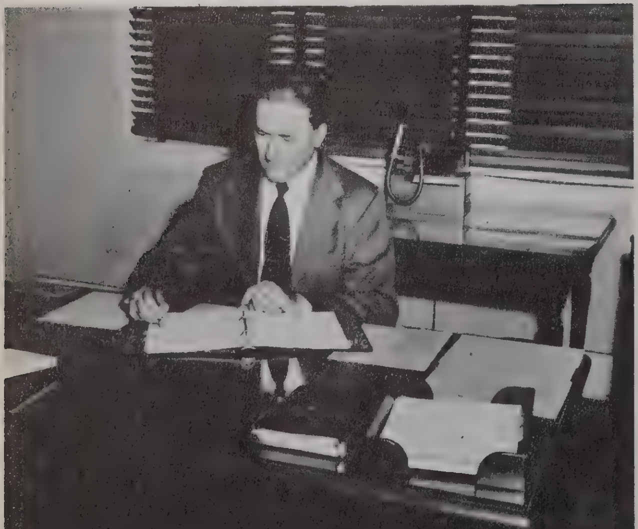
The Wabash Plant

AMERICAN ROCK WOOL CORPORATION

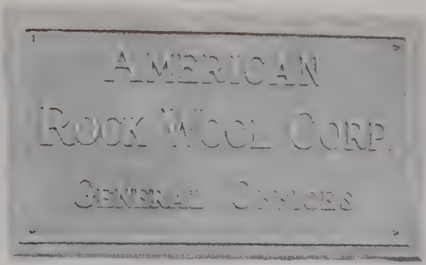
In 1934 the newly-organized American Rock Wool Corporation began the manufacture of mineral wool insulation at its new plant in Wabash, Indiana. In the sixteen succeeding years this original plant has been greatly expanded and improved and five other plants have been built or purchased in other parts of the country. Today the company is well established as a leader in this important industry.

We are happy to have had a part in the growth of Wabash and look forward to further growth and prosperity for our own company and the people of Wabash.

C. A. Anliker, Plant Manager



The Final Stage of Production



In the beginning of its operation at Wabash, the American Rock Wool Corporation maintained all of its activities at the plant location. Later the sales, technical, and executive offices were transferred to Chicago and the general offices were moved to leased quarters in downtown Wabash at 387 South Wabash Street. Here, a modern, well-equipped office is maintained housing the Finance, Accounting, Purchasing, Traffic, and Personnel Departments. The Engineering Department and research laboratory remain at the plant location.

The General Offices

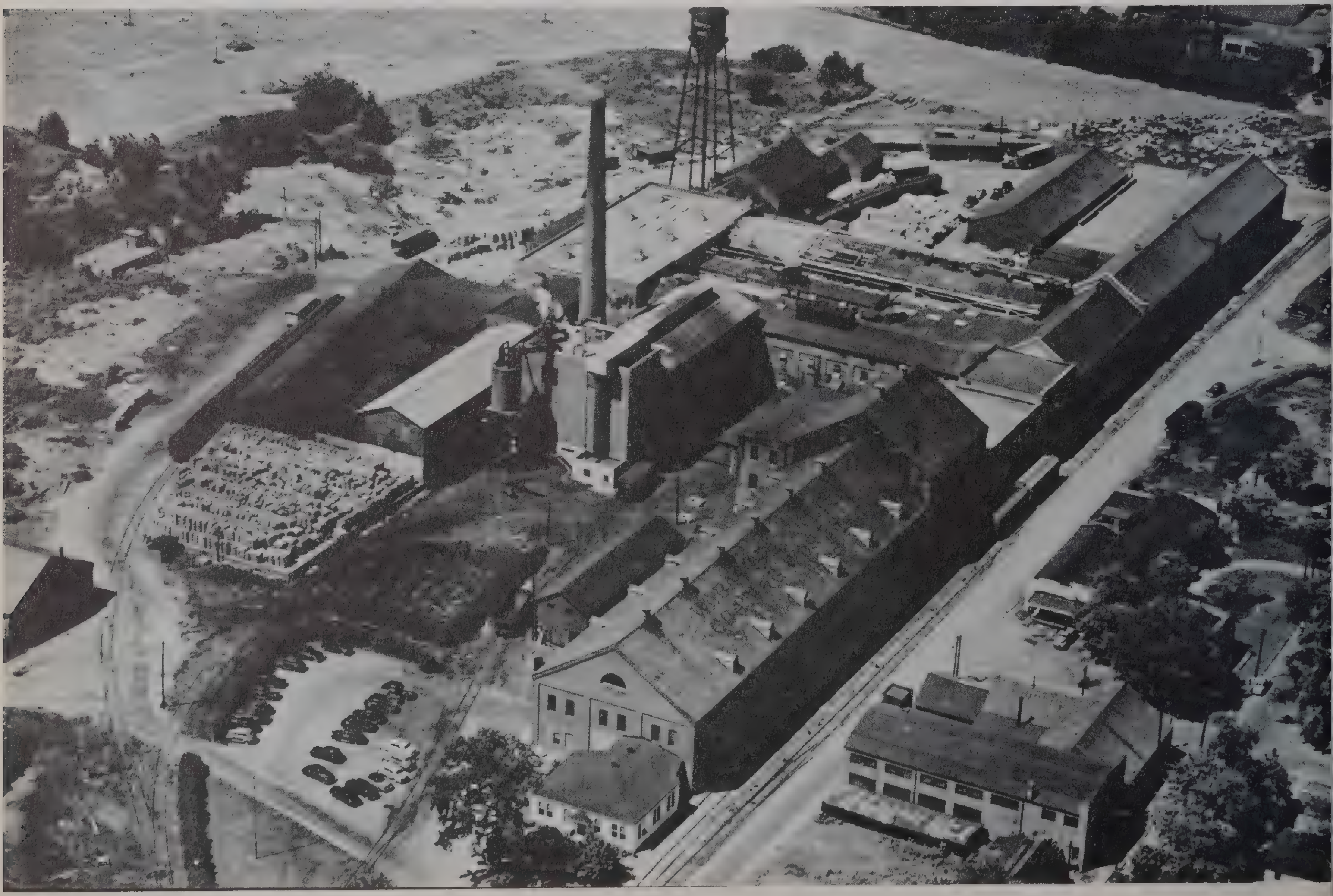
G. R. Smith, Purchasing Director, J. P. Cairns, Vice-president and Treasurer, *left to right.*

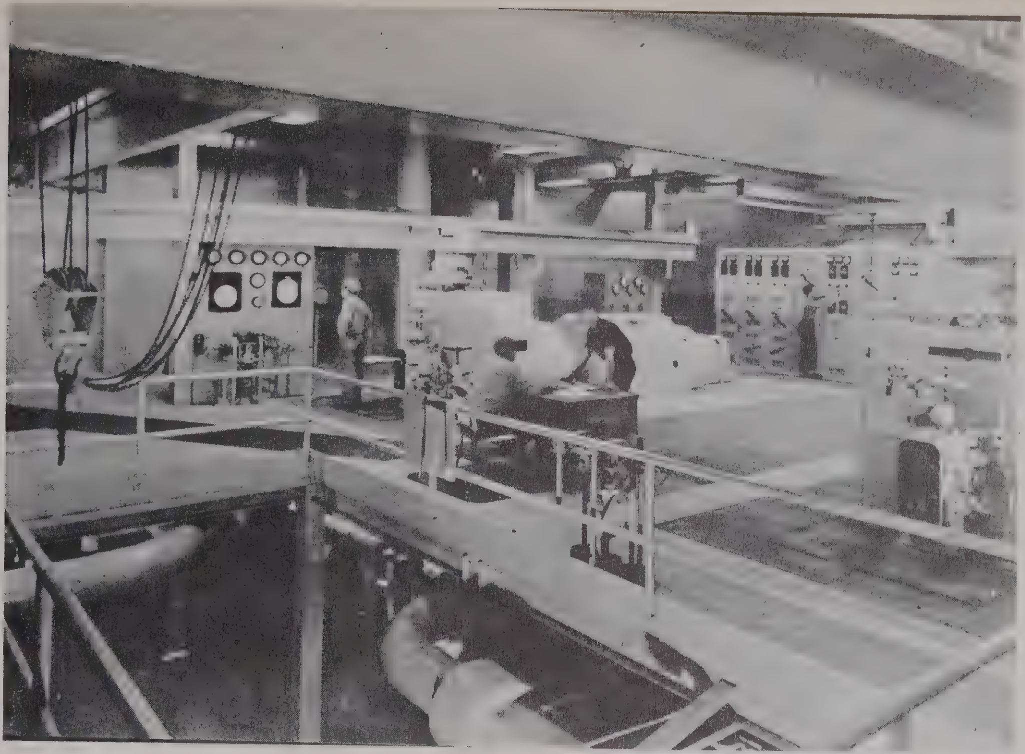
CONTAINER CORPORATION OF AMERICA, whose Wabash mill employs 300 men and women of the community, is a national organization with 41 mills and factories located from Boston to Los Angeles and from Seattle to Fernadina, Florida. Founded in 1926, the Company is one of the world's largest producers of paper board, folding cartons, and corrugated and solid fibre shipping cartons.

The Wabash property has been operated by Container Corporation since 1933. Production is built around two large paper machines which turn out many grades of folding and set-up box boards, and a completely equipped laboratory which renders the all important function of quality control. A modern power generating plant supplies electric power and steam for process heating.

Box board from the Wabash mill is shipped to manufacturers of folding cartons and set-up boxes, including Container Corporation's own plants at Cleveland, Chicago, Fort Worth, Chattanooga and its affiliate in Mexico City. Here the board is converted to a great variety of printed packages, many of which ultimately find their way back to Wabash homes—cartons for tooth paste and soap flakes, tractor parts and blankets, cereals and cigarettes, facial tissues, frozen foods, and many others.

This business institution is a part of Wabash and has had its place in the growth and development of the fine community which it now enjoys.

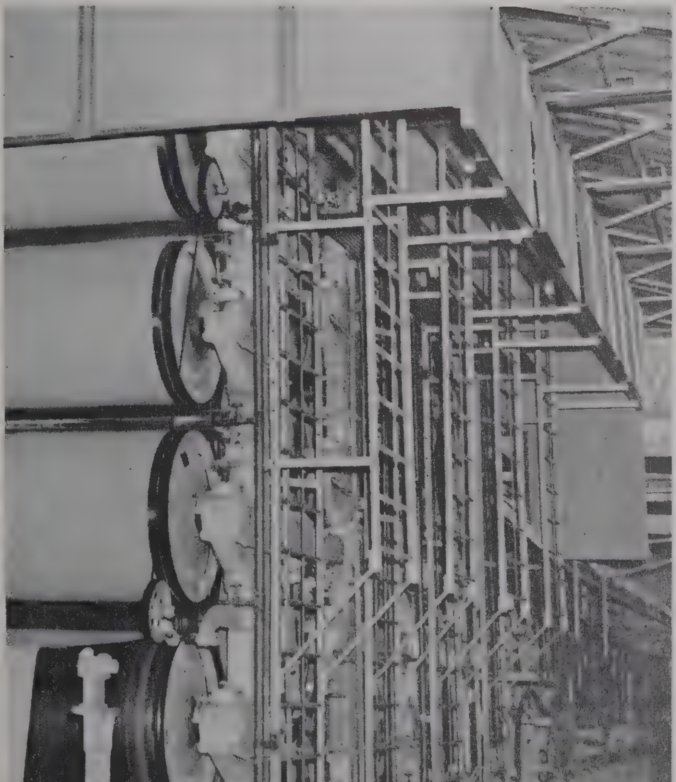




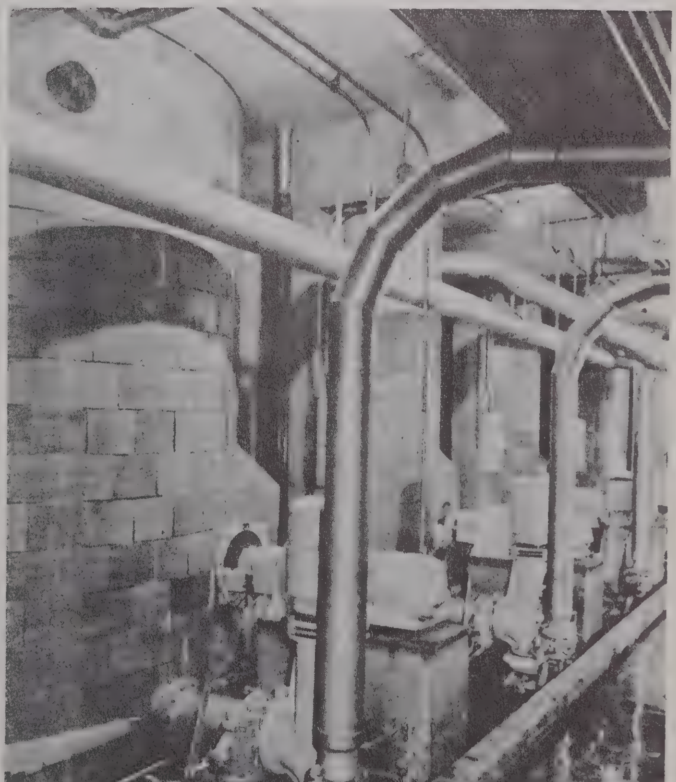
Turbine room

CONTAINER CORPORATION OF AMERICA

Dryer



Beater room, tile chests



G. M. Diehl, Founder
1870--1938

Since its incorporation in October, 1909, The G. M. Diehl Machine Works has taken an active interest both in the community and in its employees.

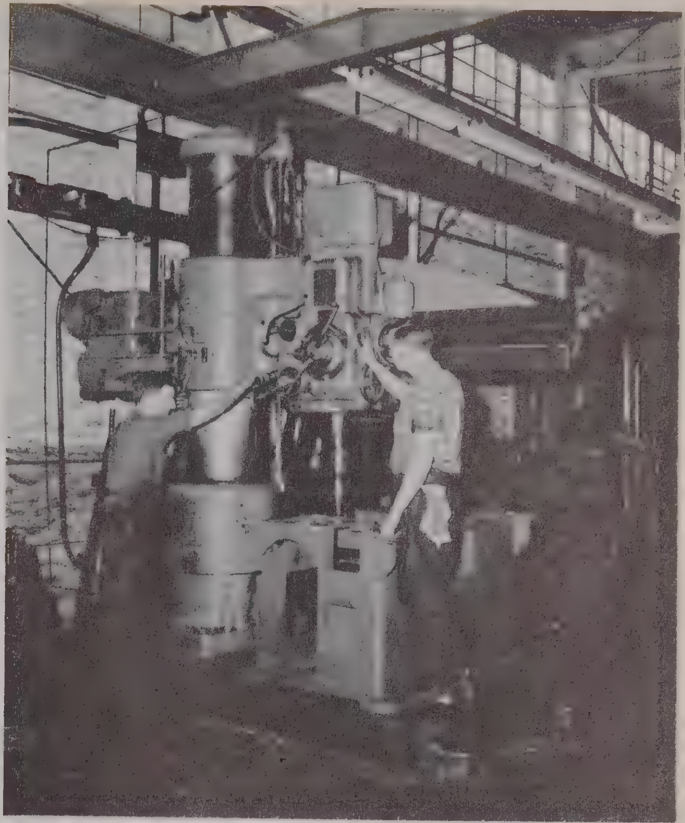
It has steadily grown from the four employees and approximate 800 sq. ft. floor space, as first used by Mr. G. M. Diehl for the production of cutters, tools, dies and stampings,to its present 125 employees and 100,000 sq. ft. floor area used for producing the sixteen models of various types of machines for the wood-working industry of the world.

G. M. DIEHL MACHINE WORKS

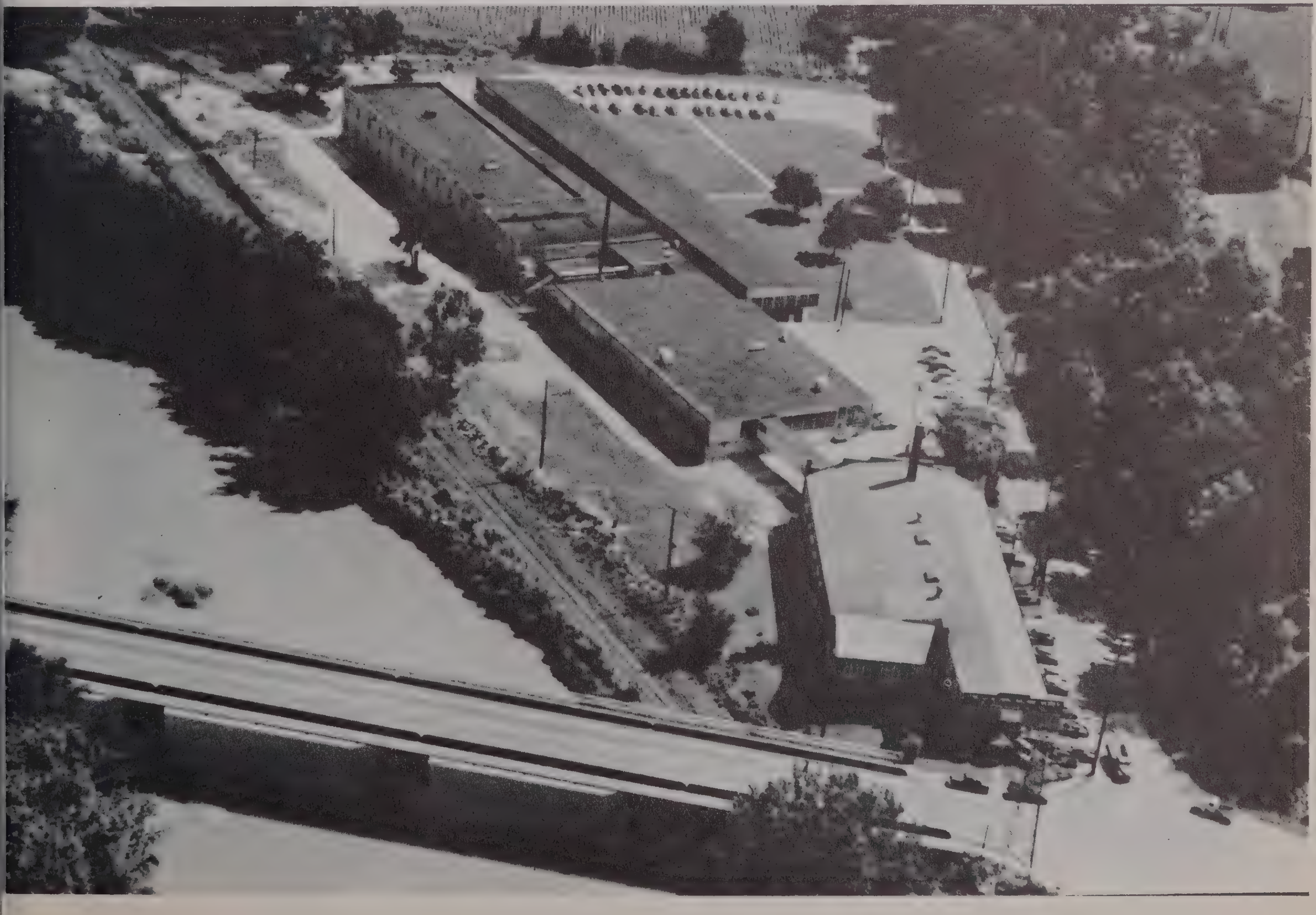
Machine Shop Interior

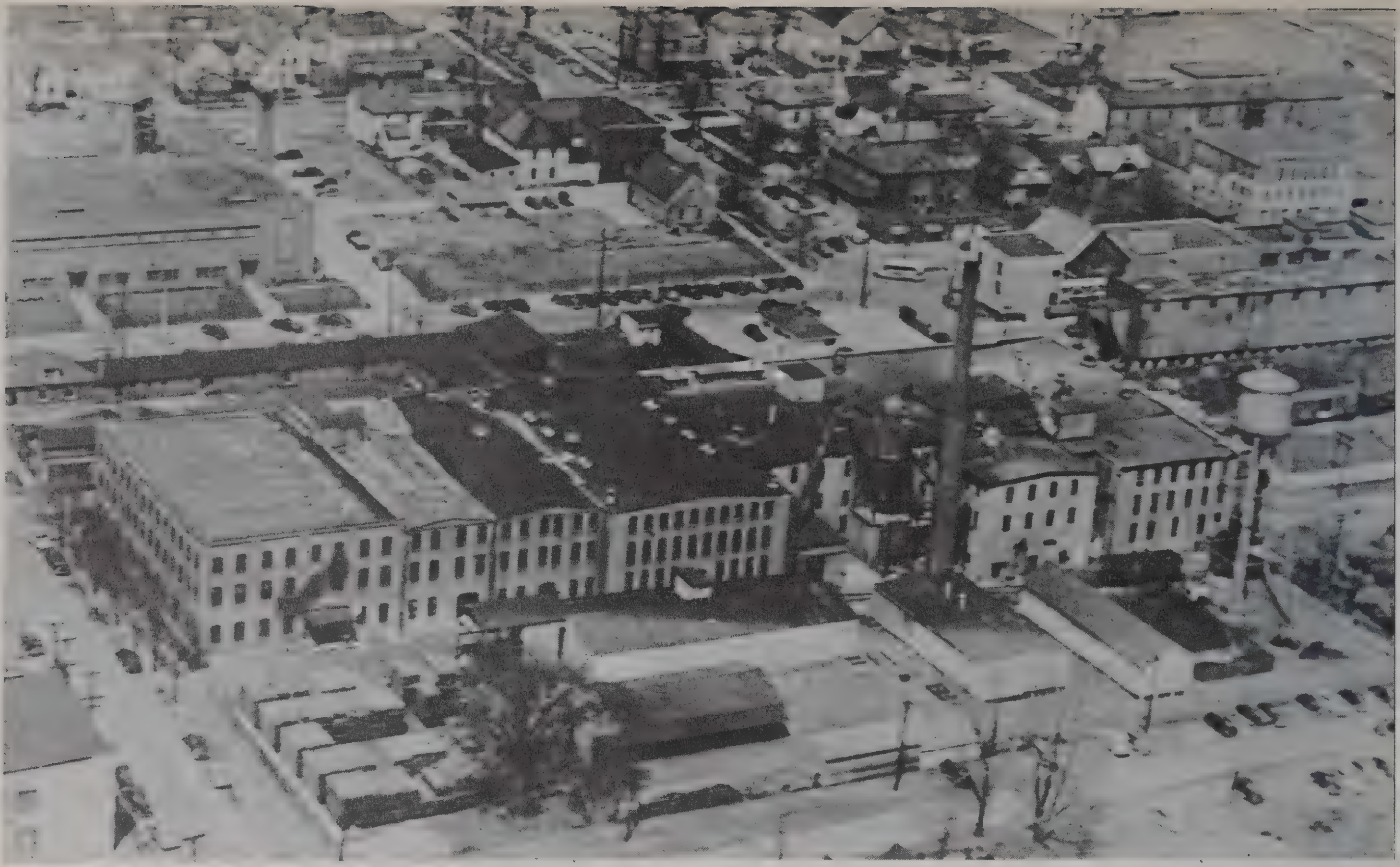
In line with the growth of The G. M. Diehl Machine Works, in 1946 a substantial interest in the Indiana Foundry at Muncie was purchased, where 75 to 100 men are employed. The acquisition of this plant was made to assure a constant supply of grey iron castings for uninterrupted production of machines and to assure steadier and greater employment here.

The G. M. Diehl Machine Works is proud to be a part of Wabash and will continue to do everything it can to promote a better way of life for its employees and the community.



Radial Drill Operation

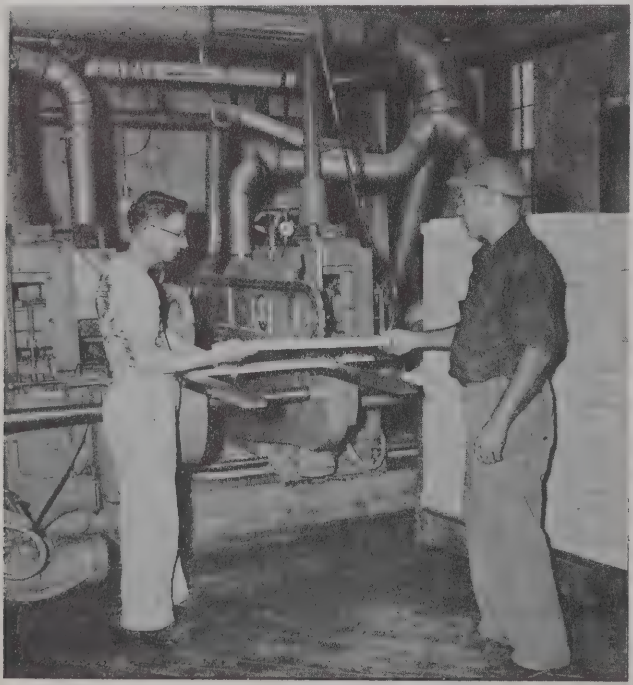




GENERAL ELECTRIC COMPANY

Wabash, well-known for woodworking from the earliest days, was selected as a site for our cabinet plant in 1944. In six years our payroll has grown to include nearly 800 employees. Today the plant's entire capacity is devoted to the manufacture of television cabinets.

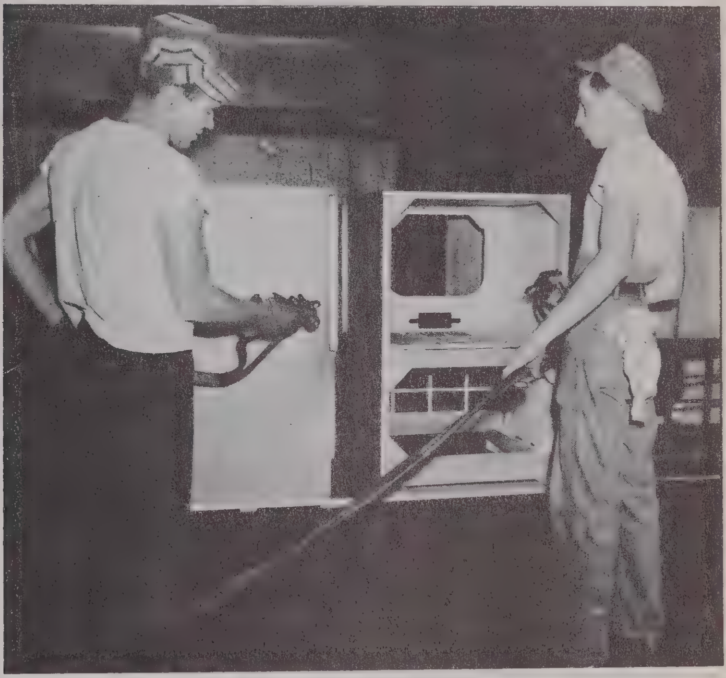
Our relationship with the community has been most pleasant and successful. With the cooperation of the people of Wabash we naturally look forward to further growth and prosperity.



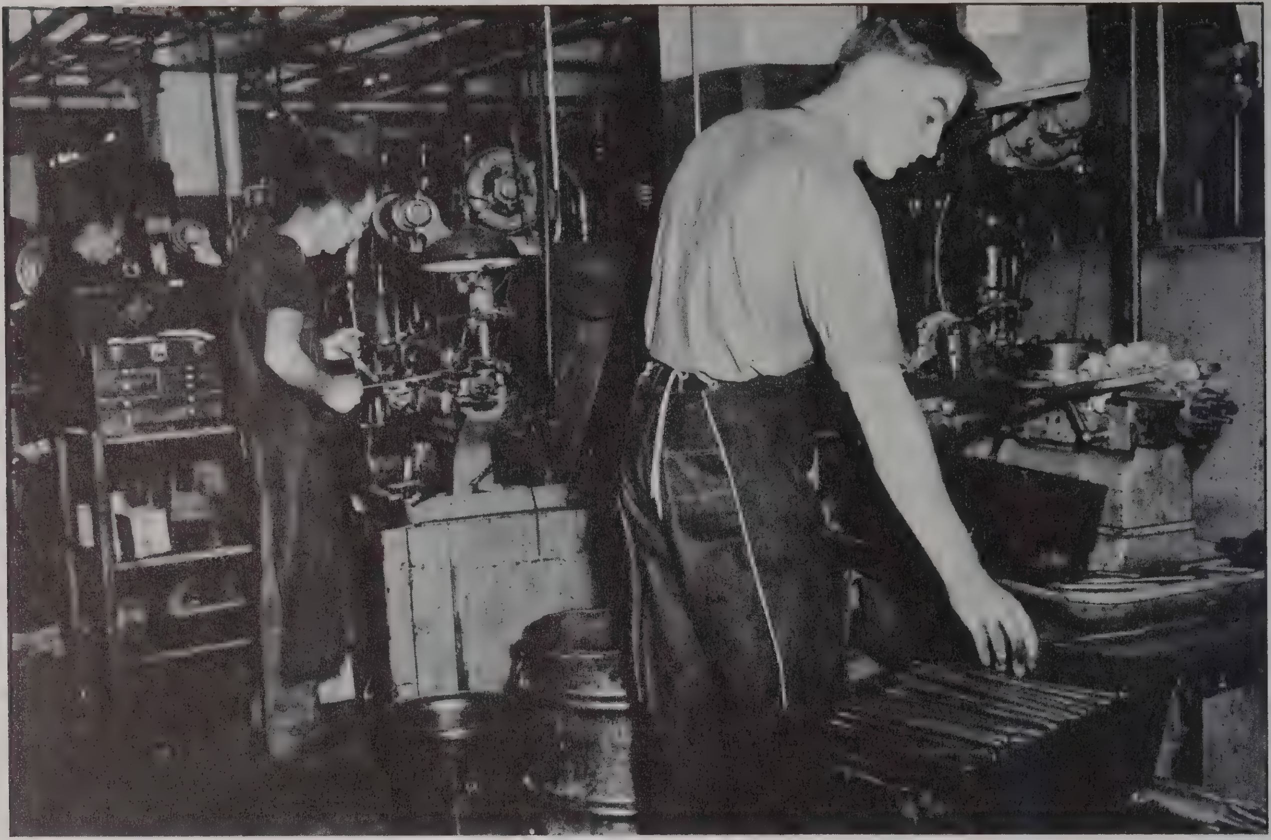
At work in the Mill Room

Hand polishing—finished cabinet

Spraying stain to establish color of cabinet



Final cleaning of cabinet



Machine Shop Operations

Sub-assembly operations

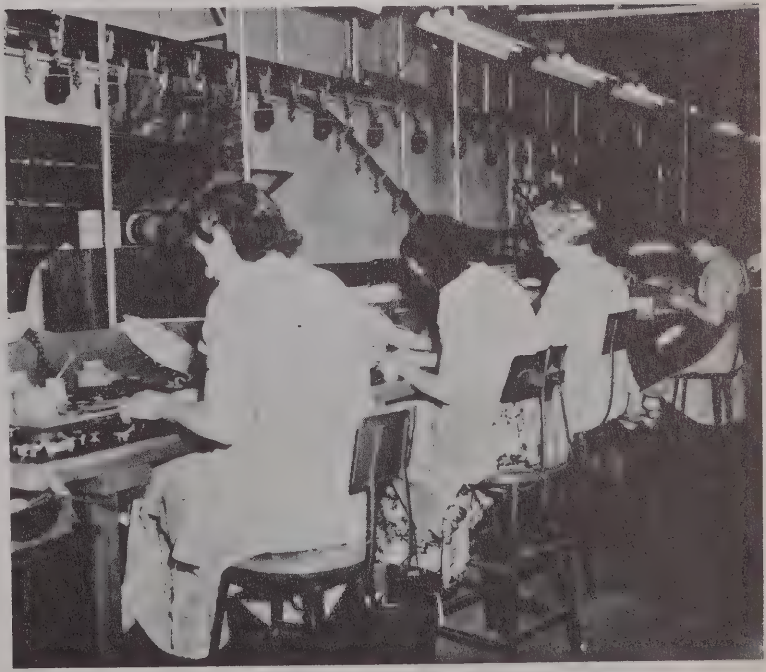
Our plant here in Wabash is part of a nation-wide organization known as the Minneapolis-Honeywell Regulator Company. Back in 1906, Mark Honeywell of Wabash founded the Honeywell Heating Specialty Company and established his first factory in this city. His company grew steadily and gained a national reputation as a maker of automatic controls, principally for domestic heating plants. In 1927, Mr. Honeywell merged his organization with the Minneapolis firm to form the company as it is known today.

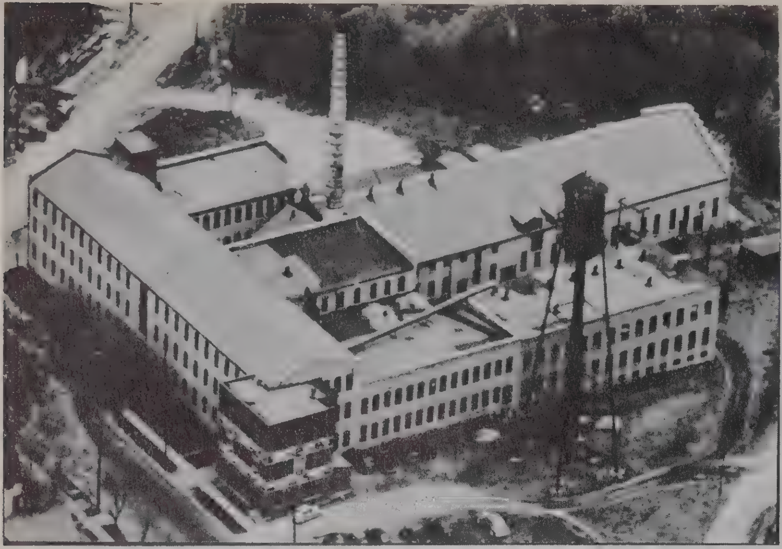
Thus we have been a citizen of Wabash for nearly a half century. The city and its people have helped materially in our growth. And we believe that we have contributed to some extent in the growth of our city.

MINNEAPOLIS-HONEYWELL REGULATOR COMPANY

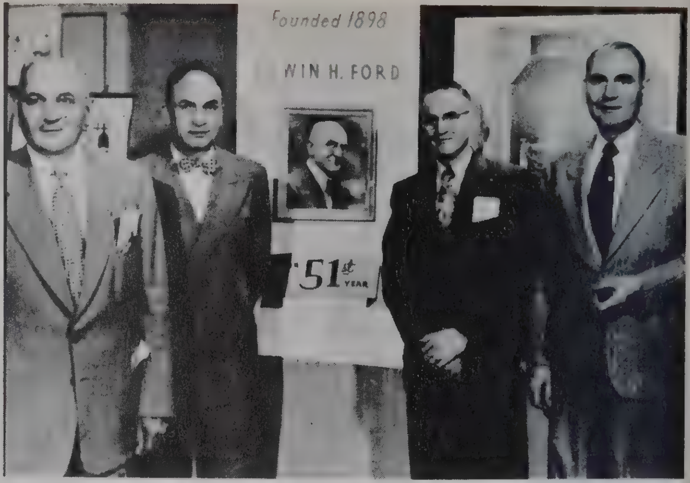
We like it here in Wabash. We like the people in the community and the people who work with us in our plants and offices. Wabash offers the healthy environment necessary for a prosperous business. One of our principal objectives is to continue to enjoy the respect and confidence of our fellow citizens. And with that as one of our goals, we are looking forward to the next half century right here where we started.

Final Assembly Operations





New Home of Ford Meter Box Company



Officers, *left to right*: Holton N. Ford, Vice President; Wilbur E. Ford, President; John L. Ford, Sec-Treas.; Richard V. Ford, Vice-President.

FORD METER BOX COMPANY

The Ford Meter Box Company was founded by Edwin H. Ford in 1898. He was at that time a waterworks superintendent and so knew first-hand the problems of the industry. The company was incorporated in 1911 and has enjoyed a steady growth since that time. Products include a wide variety of water meter housings and accessories which are sold to thousands of water utilities in the United States and foreign countries.

Since 1915 The Ford Meter Box Company has been located on South Carroll Street. In 1949 it purchased from the Asbestos Manufacturing Company the factory buildings originally built by the Pioneer Hat Works on Manchester Ave. After considerable remodeling, the company will move to the new location.

The company is entirely a Wabash institution, home owned and controlled. Mr. Ford was born here in 1861 and died in 1933. His father, Dr. James Ford, came here as a pioneer physician in 1841. Present officers are the four sons of Edwin H. Ford who are proud of the small but significant part this company has played in the support and development of Wabash during the past forty years. The eighty employees and their families are loyal citizens of our city and a large majority are home owners.

Employees at Chicago Convention of American Water Works Association

A Typical Installation of an Index for Mandel Bros., Chicago, Illinois, which is used in their credit department.

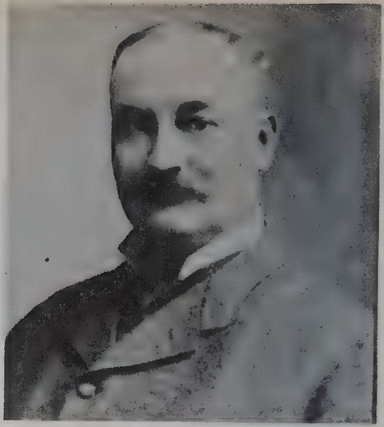
WABASH FILING SUPPLIES, INC.

This firm was established in 1905 under the name of Wabash Cabinet Company. In November, 1943, Art Metal Construction Company of Jamestown, New York, purchased the company and began operation under the name of Wabash Filing Supplies, Inc., January 1, 1944.

The Company employs about 50 persons and is engaged in the manufacture of indexing supplies and systems. We look forward to further growth, not only for ourselves but also for the community as a whole.

Employees, Wabash Filing Supplies, Inc.

Wabash FILING SUPPLIES


Bassler Walter, Founder

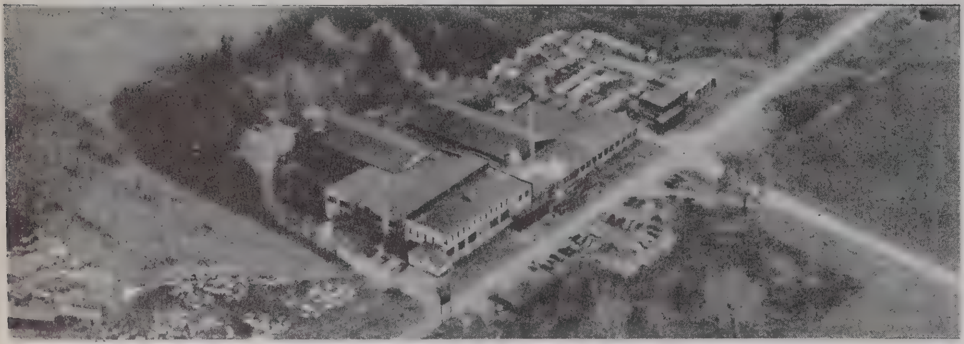
B. WALTER AND COMPANY

The oldest family-owned and continuous industry in Wabash is the B. Walter & Co., now being managed by the third generation.

The principal output since its establishment in Wabash during 1887 has been table slides for expansion of tables. Starting in 1926, the company manufactured hardware for table slides, such as locks and later added wool linings for tumbling barrels. Today employment is 190.

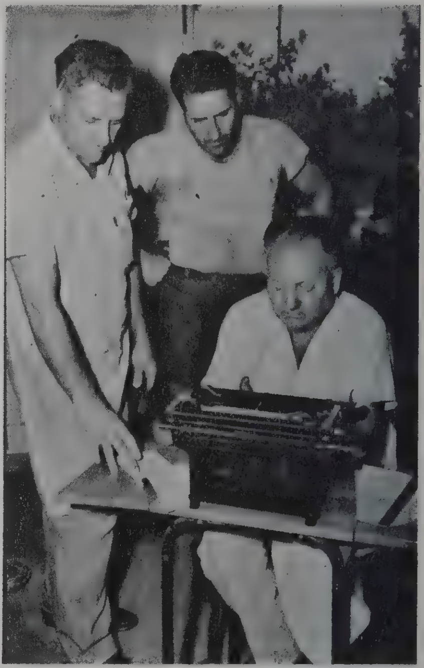
Real Production was the Biggest Factor in Wabash's PROGRESS in the last ten years!

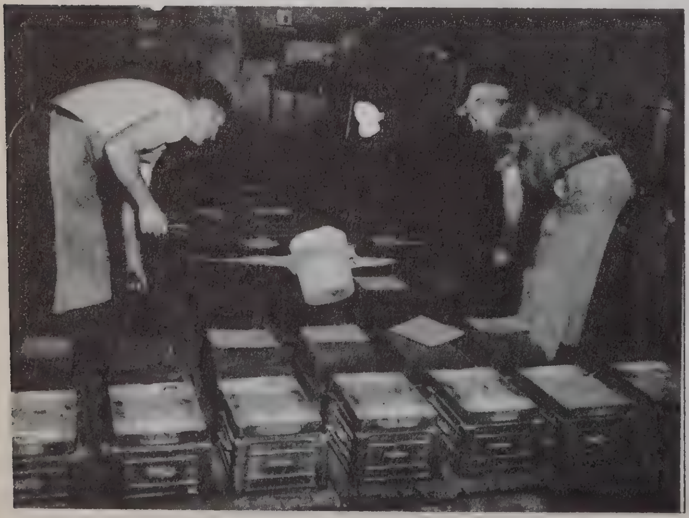
Fred B. Walter, President



VICE BROTHERS PATTERN SHOP AND FOUNDRY

Vice Brothers Pattern Shop and Foundry began business at their present location October, 1940. Jointly owned and operated by three brothers, the factory established a good production record during the war years which has carried over into peace-time, and now employs ten men, manufacturing mostly brass and aluminum castings. Because it is located near both sources of raw material and markets, Wabash is a favorable community for the manufacture of metal products of this nature.


Left to right: James W. Vice, Edward T. Vice, Forrest W. Vice.


Pouring the Metal

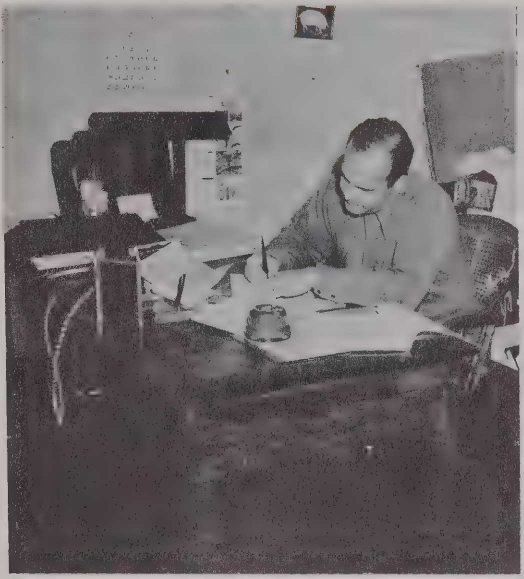
Mr. and Mrs. Wabash and family --- at work on the farm

Farm land as seen from the top of Hanging Rock

Within these pages is the fascinating story of how Mr. Wabash farms in the county 255,200 acres. These acres are divided into over 2,000 farms and support a farm population of over 7,500. Moreover, each farm today produces enough food for five other families. The soil varies from a dark loam to a lighter clay on the more rolling areas. Almost all of the corn, oats and a large percentage of the wheat produced are fed to live stock and marketed through hogs. dairy cattle, poultry and beef cattle.

One of the surprising views in the county is the Rich Valley "Prairie"

W. K. Deleplane, former County Agricultural Agent with a record of service for twenty years



Dale Miller, County Agriculture Agent

The people pictured in this section are a few of the leaders in the various organizations which contribute to the improvement of agriculture in Wabash County. To name a few of the organizations: Wabash County Agricultural Association, Farm Bureau and Agriculture Extension Service. The latter is truly a cooperative service with the Federal, State, and County in participation.

Dr. N. A. Turner, Chairman, County Agricultural Association

Arthur Tomson, Chairman, County Extension Committee

VARIETIES
COUNTY EXTENSION SERVICE
PURDUE UNIVERSITY

Frank Signs, Chairman, County Soil Conservation District

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
SOIL CONSERVATION SERVICE

Henry Dugan, Soil Conservation Service

Mrs. Wabash on the farm has many and varied interests; of course, she still gardens, cans, freezes and helps outside. With the electrification of the farm—thanks to the Wabash County Rural Electric Membership Cooperative with over 600 miles of lines and over 2200 subscribers—and the availablity of electric appliances and mechanized equipment, the work on the farm is no longer the drudgery of yesteryear, and most important, the Rural Homemaker has more leisure. Entertainment has widened from home and community to include the culture offered by larger cities—but family life is still the most important concern—some women have hobbies, others do community service.

Lawrence Hiner, Chairman, County Swine Breeders' Association

Gene Bright, Chairman, Dairy Herd Improvement Association

Winners, 1950 4-H Dress Review

County Home Demonstration Agent
Phyllis Unger

The women organizations include 26 Home Economics Clubs, 850 members, 22 4-H Girl Clubs, 360 members. Essentially, the objectives of their Home Economics Clubs are a more efficient home, attractive environment and nourishing food which Mrs. Wabash believes will go far and do much toward stabilizing family life.

Mrs. Paul Faudree, President,
County Home Economics Clubs

Mr. and Mrs. John Chamberlin, leaders of many important organizations of varied interests in rural life

Strip cropping at Lawrence Kiefaber farm to control erosion

Strip cropping, cultivating different crops by alternate strips, builds up the soil and controls soil erosion. In some county areas soil erosion is serious. As the humus content of the soil is depleted, erosion naturally becomes more important. Fortunately, the Soil Conservation Service through the Wabash County Soil Conservation District is doing much to promote conservation of our soil.

C. E. Troyer, pollination of hybrid corn for production of a new variety

Beautiful beds of gladioli on the C. E. Troyer farm

Acres of toamtoes

Apples galore!

1915 Steam Engine

1950 farm mechanization—combine and tractor

Chester Whites, a popular breed

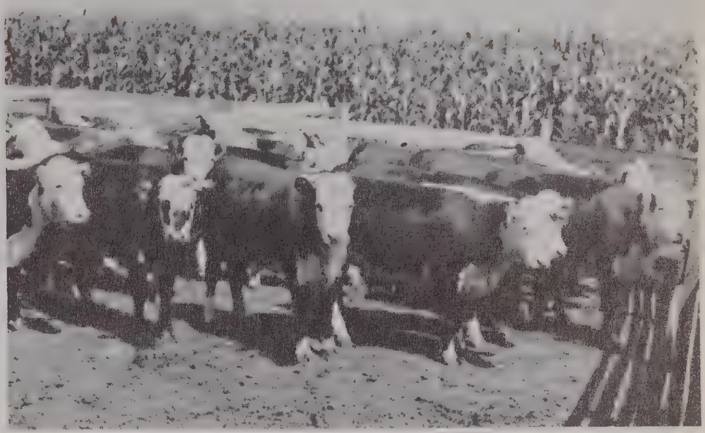
Hampshires—it won't be long until feeding time

Mr. Wabash principally raises corn, oats, wheat, and soybeans. He does produce other crops. In some sections of the county, apples, peaches and tomatoes are produced very profitably. Other crops such as peas and lima beans are grown for the cannery. Hybrid seed corn is produced on many farms.

Dairy herd—mixed breed

Holsteins, a dairy cattle breed in favor

At the Feeder



Beef cattle—Herefords

Livestock on the farms of Mr. Wabash are his principal income. In driving through the country one may see all of the different breeds of cattle, hogs, chickens, sheep, and even rabbits, goats and white rats produced on a commercial basis.

Gathering Eggs

A Flock that wins instant admiration

Executive Officers

Left to right: Elbert T. Carr, Chairman; Mrs. Sherman Ridenour, County Social and Education; Paul H. Deal, Secretary-Treasurer; Ollie Miller, Vice-President

WABASH COUNTY FARM BUREAU, INC., came into being in 1919 as the Wabash County Agricultural Association. Arthur Tomson was the first president followed by Oliver Scott, Wm. Logan and H. H. Kerr. Four years later, in 1923, the organization was incorporated under the name of Wabash County Farm Bureau, Inc. Mr. Karl Ulmer succeeded Mr. Kerr as president, and in 1925 Gordon G. Downey was elected and served until 1937 when he was succeeded by J. A. Irelan. In January, 1943, he was succeeded by O. O. Brubaker who continued to serve through 1945. Elbert Carr was elected in 1946 and is president at this time, 1950.

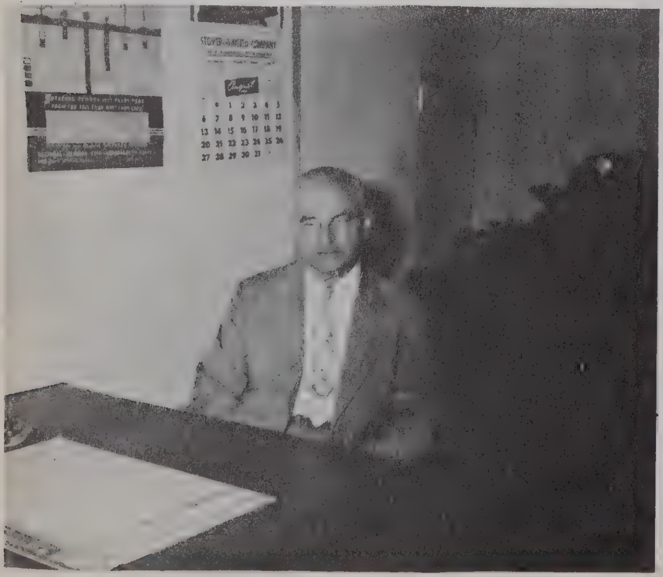
FARM BUREAU, INC.

In the early years in addition to serving the membership in both the Congress and Legislature and disseminating information, the organization engaged to a small extent in buying and marketing. However, on March 22, 1927, the Wabash County Farm Bureau Cooperative Association, Inc., a new corporation with a separate board of directors, was established. Nurtured by the parent organization, this organization conducts the business in the county.

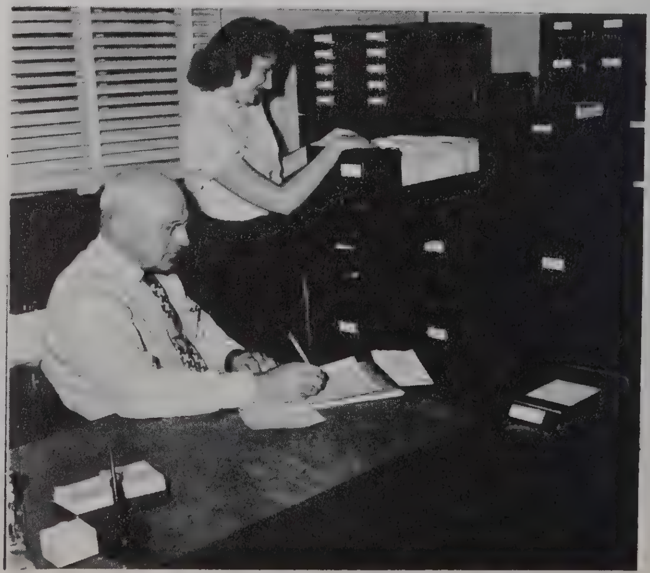
Farm Bureau, Inc.,with a membership fee of $5 for many years and since increased to $10, devotes its efforts to tax and legislative matters as well as social and economic activities. Farm Bureau, Inc., also sponsors an insurance service.

1950 membership: reached its 1,507, topping all ten counties in District 4.

Leroy Eppley, long identified with Wabash County farm development



Harry Summers, Office Manager, and Mrs. Doris Snell, Office Secretary



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The present Board of Directors, one from each township, includes: Peter J. Milam, President, Noble Township; Lyman Allbright, Vice-President, Pleasant Township; John Chamberlain, Secretary, Paw Paw Township; Edd Wilcox, Lagro Township; George Roser, Waltz Township; Louie Shanahan, Chester Township; and Otis O. Brubaker, Liberty Township.

FARM BUREAU COOPERATIVE ASSOCIATION, INC.

Mark Mansfield, General Manager and Treasurer, and Paul H. Deal, Assistant Manager Farm Bureau Co-op

Wabash County Farm Bureau Co-op Ass'n., Inc., is the largest farm business in Wabash County and operates two retail lumber yards, North Manchester and Wabash, two grain elevators, Speicher and Treaty, Soy Bean Dept., Petroleum Dept., Implement Dept., Hatchery Dept. and Electrical Dept.

The balance sheet of the Association for 1949 shows a total sales volume of $3,015,291.55 with a service income of $38,947.99 and a net of $79,967.42 for distribution to patrons. Wabash County Farm Bureau Cooperative Association, Inc., is the largest farm business in the county.

Farm Bureau Lumber Company at Wabash

FARM BUREAU LUMBER CO.
FARM BUREAU

Darrell Hawkins, Finance Advisor

Rural Youth Folk Dance

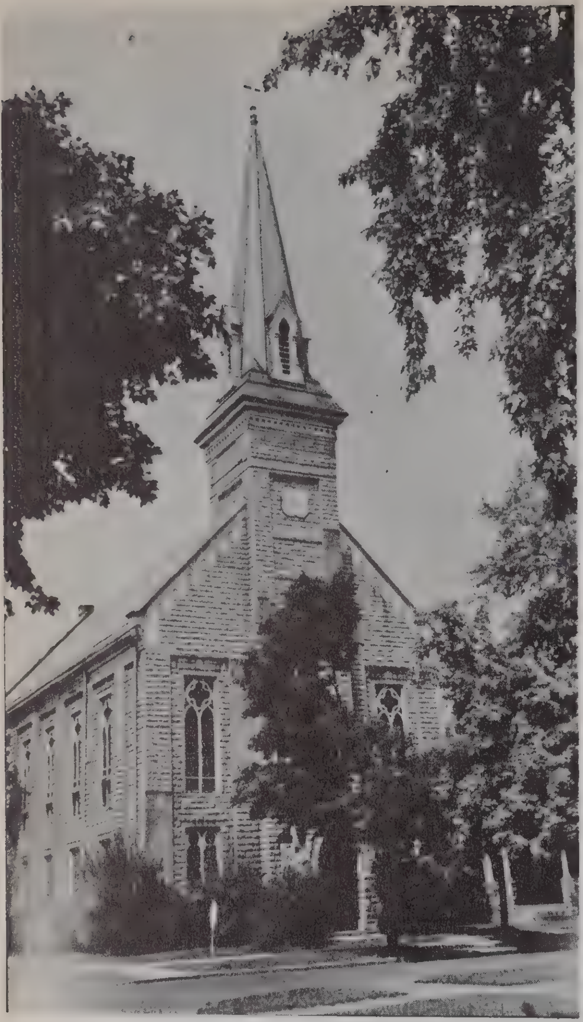
Honeywell Memorial Canteen

Perhaps the greatest asset to any community is the youth of that community. Mr. Wabash has taken care of the training of his children by the organization of the 4-H Clubs with over 600 rural boys and girls enrolled. For the older group of farm youth, the Rural Youth Club has been established.

. . . Champions at the 1950 4-H Fair . . .

. . . Modern 4-H Buildings . . .

Mr. and Mrs. Wabash and famliy --- in Worship



St. Bernard Church

Reverend Father Leo A. Hoffman

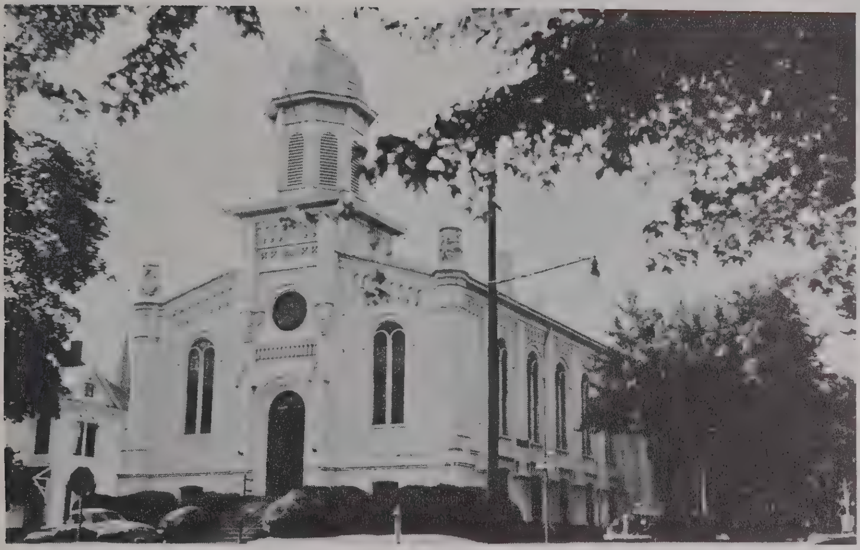
The first priest to visit Wabash was Reverend Father John Ryan of LaGro, who made occasional visits to Wabash from 1862 to 1865. The first church, a brick structure, was located on West Maple Street and, in 1898, was greatly enlarged and improved. This property and the priest's house was later exchanged for Methodist Church property located at Sinclair and Cass streets. Reverend Father Leo A. Hoffman has been the pastor for the past ten years. The present membership is 855 souls.

St. Bernard's parishioners celebrate Father Hoffman's tenth anniversary with a breakfast

PARISH SOCIETIES

Holy Name and Knights of Columbus for men, Ladies' Rosary Society for married ladies, Catholic Youth Organization for the youth. COUNCILMEN AND BUILDING COMMITTEE: Edward Bizjack, George Martin, Edgar Alexander, Arthur Fedewa, Lawrence Nix, Thomas Winkeljohn.

Reverend Don G. Ashton

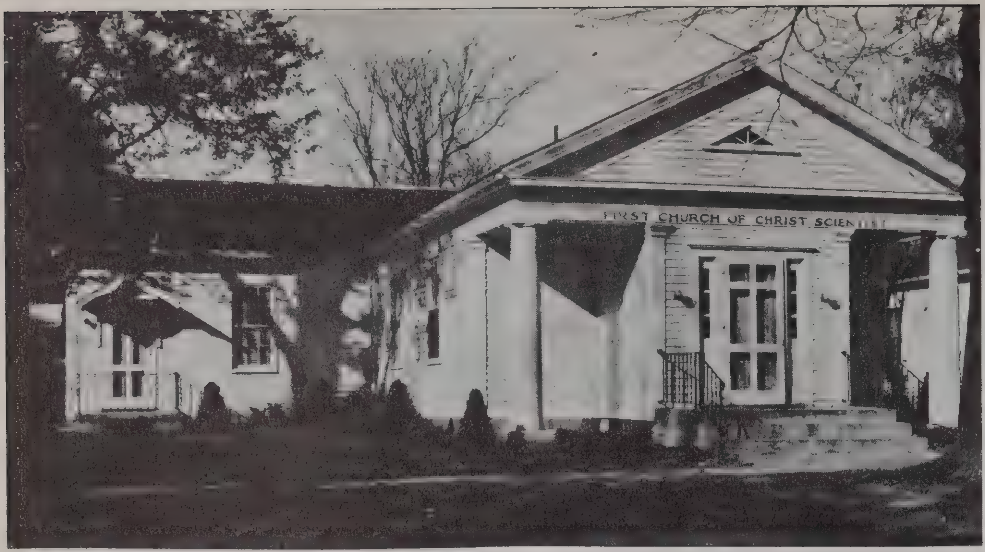


Christian Church

In 1842,*Daniel Jackson, associate Judge of the Wabash Circuit Court, helped organize a congregation of people who took the name of Christians. The grounds where the present building stands were acquired in* 1852 *and the first church erected in* 1865. *Reverend Don G. Ashton has been the pastor since June,* 1949. *The present membership is* 561.

Home of the more than one hundred new members

Junior Ushers



First Church of Christ, Scientist

First Church of Christ, Scientist, located at the corner of West Maple and Carroll streets, is a branch of the Mother Church, The First Church of Christ, Scientist, in Boston, Massachusetts. The Reading Room, located in the west wing of the building, is open to the public on Tuesday and Saturday afternoons and Wednesday evenings. The King James version of the Bible and all authorized Christian Science literature may be read, borrowed or purchased here.

Interior view of the church

The Reading Room, in the west wing of the building

Church of God on West Hill Street

The new pastor and his wife, Rev. and Mrs. O. C. Denniston

The Church of God in Wabash was organized in the past decade by three adults. With the help of the Church's headquarters in Anderson, Indiana, the building at 422 West Hill Street was purchased and remodeled. The membership is very active in foreign missionary work and annually sends several large boxes of clothing to foreign fields. Since its organization the church has been served by three pastors, Reverends L. D. Beach, Charles Heinlim, and O. C. Denniston, the present minister.

HISTORICAL CALENDAR OF CHURCHES

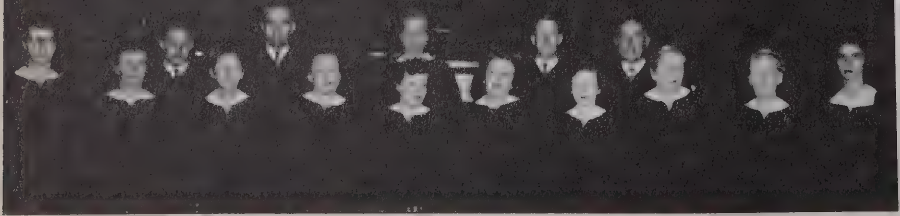
1836	Presbyterian Church, New School, organized with seven charter members.
1837	First Methodist Church organized.
1842	Organization of the Christian Church.
1845	Presbyterian Church, Old School, started.
1848	First "Quaker Meeting" held.
1852	Christian congregation acquires present site for church edifice. Society of Friends builds a brick school house next to their church.
1859	St. Mathew's Evangelical congregation holds initial meeting.
1862	Reverend Father Ryan of Lagro offers mass for Wabash Catholics. St. Mathew's builds church.
1865	Christian Church erects structure.

First Methodist Church, one of the Centennial churches

Reverend Wallace Deyo

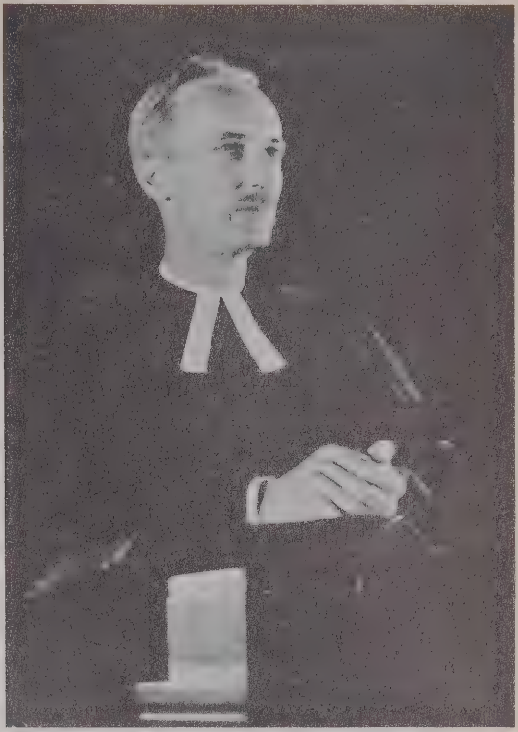
One of the Wabash Centennial Churches, the First Methodist Church, at the corner of Cass and Sinclair Streets, was organized in 1837. The first pastor was a circuit rider, Reverend J. B. Mershon. At present there are 720 active members. Recently the interior has been completely redecorated and four new basement class rooms and choir room have been built and furnished. The gift of the Collinge Chapel has greatly added to the opportunities for both instruction and worship. The spiritual life of the church has been enriched in recent years by special services with nationally known preachers during Lenten seasons.

Official Board



The Choir

Presbyterian Church, organized 1836



Reverend Ware W. Wimberly

The First Presbyterian Church, called New School, was organized May 7, 1836, with seven charter members. In 1845, another Presbyterian Church called Old School Presbyterian, was organized, and named The Second Presbyterian Church. Its location was on the site of the present church, the southwest corner of Miami and Hill Streets. In 1870, First and Second Churches united, taking as their name, "The Presbyterian Church." The Reverend A. S. Reid was pastor for two years. Dr. Charles Little became the pastor in 1872, and served for more than forty-nine years. Under his leadership the present building was begun in 1880. It was while pastor at Wabash that Dr. Little brought nation-wide attention to the city by being elected Moderator of the General Assembly, the highest office a Presbyterian can hold. Dr. Little died December 28, 1921, but is still remembered by many as "the Wabash pastor." The present pastor, Dr. Ware W. Wimberly, assumed his duties May 5, 1939. There are 816 members, and, proportionate to the size of the community, this church is one of the strongest Presbyterian churches in the United States.

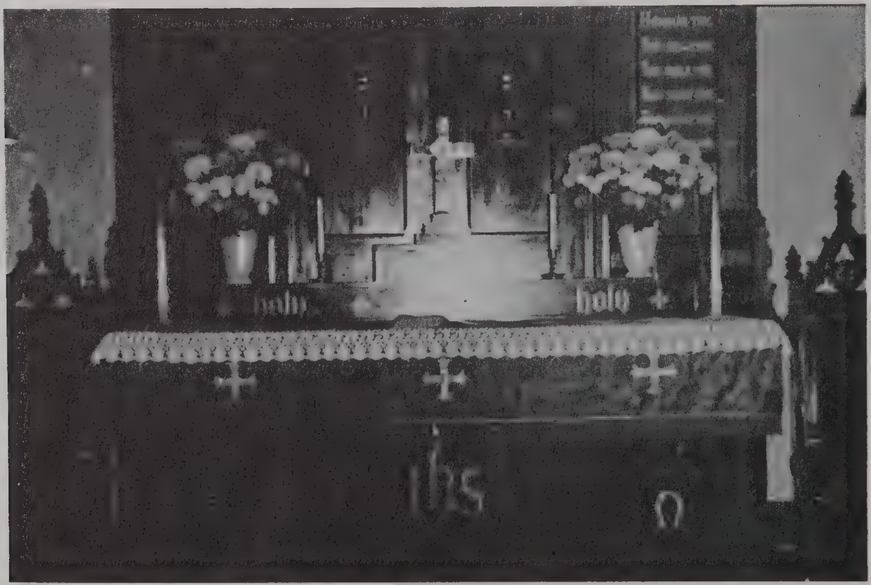
Mrs. Homer Hipskind,
organist for more than 41 years

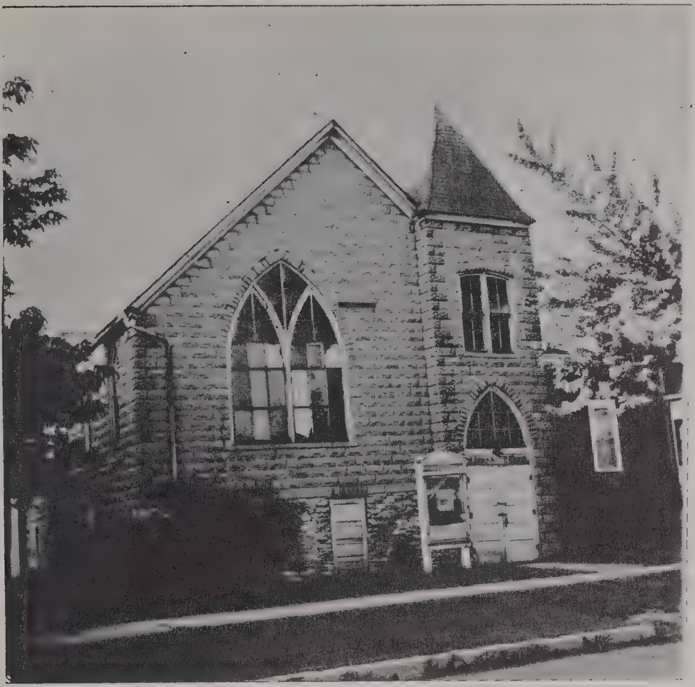
Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church

Reverend E. O. Krug

Zion Lutheran Church is a young organization, having been organized January 6, 1947, with 25 charter members. Now there are 115 communicant members, with about 180 souls. The first resident pastor was the Reverend E. O. Krug who is also the present pastor. This church is part of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod—"The Church of the Lutheran Hour." Plans are completed for a new structure which will be erected on the site of the present building, Falls Avenue and Sinclair Street.

The Altar





St. John's A. M. E. Church

Reverend S. F. Boston

In 1872, six colored citizens founded a Methodist Church in Wabash. A short time later it was reorganized and became known as Saint John's. In 1905, the building was rebuilt and since the Reverend Mr. Boston's pastorate it has been painted as has the parsonage. Reverend Boston has been here four years and during that time twelve members have been added to the church and twenty probations received.

1866	New brick meeting house erected by Friends Society.
1870	New School and Old School churches unite into The Presbyterian Church.
1872	Six colored citizens found African M. E. Church. Dr. Charles Little begins pastorate of Presbyterian Church. First Evangelical Association organized.
1880	Present-day Presbyterian building started. First Church of United Brethren organized.
1883	Presbyterian Church completed.
1884	Second Methodist Church organized.
1886	Frauen Verein of St. Mathew's begins service.
1887	First United Brethren congregation builds church.

First Baptist Church

The First Baptist Church of Wabash, Indiana, affiliated with the General Association of Regular Baptists, was organized July 23, 1947, by a small group of local men and women. Reverend Milton L. Dowden became the pastor and served until illness forced his resignation late in 1948. The present pastor, Reverend Charles W. Mitchell, assumed the duties of minister in November, 1949. The Church is keenly interested in missions, both foreign and home and has personal interests in many fields.

Reverend and Mrs. Charles W. Mitchell, who operate the only religious bookstore in the city

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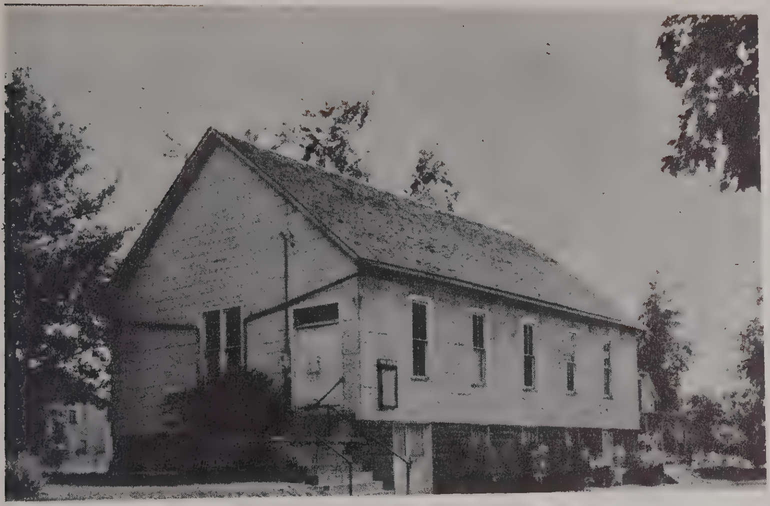


Church of the Brethren

Reverend W. E. Stinebaugh

Organized in 1913, *this congregation acquired its present church location in* 1920. *Until* 1947, *part-time ministers served the charge, but at that date it was felt a full-time pastor was a necessity. The present pastor, Reverend W. C. Stinebaugh, moved to Wabash in November,* 1949. *The church edifice, parsonage, and parish house constitute the property. Within the past seven years this church has licensed four young men to the ministry. Besides active participation in missions, relief work, temperance and Christian education, the membership takes a keen interest in international friendship.*

Their latest venture in that line is the bringing of a German student, Itta Gebbing, to live in the home of Leon DeLauter. She will attend Wabash High School and learn all she can of American ways during her year's stay in the United States.

Itta Gebbing, German student

St. Mathew's Evangelical and Reformed Church

Reverend J. L. Koert

The beginning of St. Mathew's Church was in 1859 when several families gathered for worship at the home of John Hipskind, Sr. The organization proper took place in 1861 and a church was built in 1862. Nine Urbana, Indiana, pastors served the congregation and there was no resident pastor for 29 years. Reverend G. Hess, 1891-1895, was the first resident pastor and during his pastorate the Church auditorium was enlarged and remodeled. The first parsonage was built in 1891 . The oldest organization, the Women's Guild, (Frauen Verein) was organized in 1886.

1890	Evangelical Association enlarges church.
1891	Parsonages erected by St. Mathew's and First Church of United Brethren.
1896	New Second Methodist Church dedicated.
1898	Roman Catholics enlarge church building.
	New Methodist Church organized in northeast part of the city.
1899	Reverend J. A. Patterson assigned to "Little Red Church."
	Wesleyan Methodist Church organized.
1900	Present First Methodist Church dedicated.
1903	Wabash Street Methodist Church cornerstone laid.
1905	African Methodist Church rebuilt.
	North United Brethren Church organized.

Reverend E. Leroy Stafford

Church of the Nazarene

The Church was organized with a charter of seventeen members in June, 1936, *under the direction of the Reverend D. F. Steininger. The present site at* 80 *East Hill Street was purchased in* 1940 *and the present structure erected at the cost of* $8,500, *under the leadership of the Reverend J. Paul Tucker. In the past year, twenty-two members have been added to the church, and Sunday School attendance has had an average increase of fifty-five per Sunday. Fifty babies are listed on the Cradle Roll. A young people's choir is a feature of the church. The missionary activities are carried on with departments for the Men, the Young People and the Women of the congregation. The present pastor, Reverend E. Leroy Stafford, came to the Church in August,* 1949.

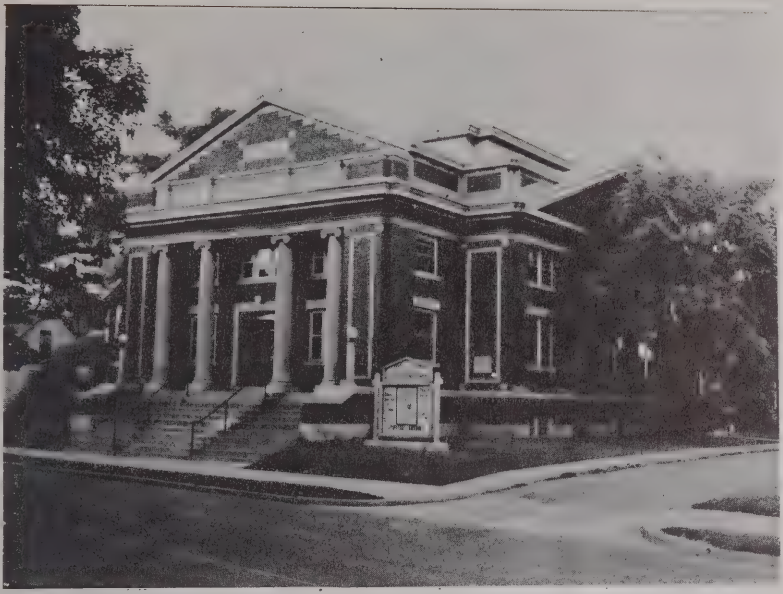
1906	Friends have their first paid minister. North United Brethren erect church building.
1907	Present Friends Church dedicated.
1913	Wabash Church of the Brethren organized. Present site of church and parsonage acquired by First United Brethren congregation.
1914	Fire destroys Evangelical Church.
1916	New $32,000 Evangelical Church dedicated. First United Brethren congregation dedicates new church.
1917	Present parsonage of Wabash Street Methodist Church built.
1920	Old German Hall purchased by Church of the Brethren.
1921	Dr. Charles Little dies.
1922	Dr. Nevin Schaaf becomes pastor of Presbyterian Church.

Pilgrim Holiness Church

Reverend J. L. Arnett

In 1900-1901, *a series of meetings were held in a downtown hall, which culminated in the erection of a cement block church on the east bank of the levee. Inasmuch as high water often caused the church to be inaccessible, it was abandoned and meetings were again held in a hall . . . The church now in use is the third this congregation has built and plans are being formulated for a new one, since their present structure is inadequate for the constituency of over* 400. *The Pilgrim Holiness Church, one of the fastest growing religious organizations, is an amalgamation of several small Holiness groups.*

These buses and a jeep, bring the children and older members to services


Central Evangelical United Brethren Church

Reverend F. I. Wilmert

This well-organized, active church had its beginning in 1872 with the Reverend Jacob Miller first pastor. Charter members were the Maurer and Gurtner families, Fred Rousch, John Schlemmer and Henry Geible. In 1890 the church was enlarged. The year 1914 saw it destroyed by fire. The present structure was built at a cost of $32,000 and dedicated on December 3, 1916. Two mergers with other religious bodies have affected the name of this church, one in 1922 and the most recent in 1942 when the Evangelical and United Brethren Churches united. The parsonage, one of the finest in the Indiana Conference, was built in 1931 at the cost of $10,200. The preacher's two daughters honored their father in 1939 by a gift of chimes added to the organ.

The Parsonage

North Evangelical United Brethren Church

Reverend Flossie Farley

Previous to the organization of the North Side Evangelical Church in 1905, services had been held by the pastor of the South Side United Brethren Church in various homes for the congregation. In 1906, the present building was erected and dedicated. Denominational union with the Evangelical Church in 1947 changed the name of the church to its present one. Many religious workers have gone from this church to serve. Among them are: William Davis, Paul Baker, Joe Baker, home missionaries; Mildred Barnes Boswell, social worker; Cecil Sanders, Marion Pottinger, Wilbur Pottinger, Joseph Pottinger, ministers.

1923	Evangelical Church celebrates its fiftieth anniversary. Evangelical Association and Evangelical Church merge.
1929	Dr. Charles Evans Lamale becomes pastor of the Presbyterian Church.
1931	New parsonage erected by Evangelical United Brethren congregation.
1936	Church of the Nazarene organized.
1939	Dr. Ware W. Wimberly comes to Presbyterian Church.
1940	Church of the Nazarene purchase lot at 80 East Hill Street and builds $8,500 church.
1942	United Brethen and Evangelical Church merge.
1943	Church of God buys property on West Hill Street.
1944	Tuxis clubroom opened for Presbyterian young people. Church of the Nazarene acquires parsonage.

Wabash Street Methodist Church

Reverend Alfred L. Eddingfield

On April 4, 1898, a number of members of First Methodist Church, finding themselves out of harmony with proposed location of the new church building, gave notice to the Quarterly Conference of their intention to organize a society in the northeast part of the city. The church which grew from this separation is known as the Wabash Street Methodist Church. The first church was a rented cottage on Manchester Avenue, called "The Little Red Church." The Reverend J. A. Patterson was assigned to the charge on April 7, 1899. The cornerstone of the new church was laid July 14, 1903, and the parsonage constructed in 1917.

The Choir and Preparatory Class

Wesleyan Methodist Church

Reverend V. S. Vardaman

Two of the charter members of this church, which was organized in 1899, are living, Mrs. Ollis Miller and E. Zumbaugh. Meetings for the first few years were held in a tabernacle across the street from the present edifice, which was erected and dedicated in 1903. In the past decade over $26,000 was spent for benevolences and almost $11,000 for missions. The parsonage, at the corner of Michigan Street and Manchester Avenue, was acquired and completely modernized in 1946.

1946 Reverend S. E. Boston accepts pastorate at A. M. E.

1947 Zion Lutheran Church organized.
Society of Friends purchase parsonage.
First Baptist Church organized.
Full-time pastoral services inaugurated at Church of the Brethren.
Central Evangelical United Brethren celebrate 75th anniversary.
Dr. S. L. Yoder appointed district superintendent of Methodist Churches.
New lounge furnished by Ladies' Aid and Loyal Women's Class at Christian Church.
Father Hoffman becomes chairman of County Red Cross.

South Side Evangelical United Brethren Church

Reverend William A. Nangle

This church was organized in 1880 by Dr. O. C. Wilmore. For the first few years meetings were held in the Union church house across from the old school house, then in a second floor hall at Vernon and Pike Streets. The first church was erected in 1907 and the present structure, in 1914-15 with impressive dedication ceremonies on January 16, 1916, by Bishop H. H. Fout. The church is now having the largest attendance within the past fifteen years.

A parade at close of Summer Bible School

First Friends Church

Reverend Francis Clark Brown

The first "Quaker Meeting" was held in a barn on lot 28, Pike Street, belonging to Stephen Jones, November 11, 1848. Soon after, two Friends on Mill Creek Pike each gave an acre of land and a log meeting house was erected. The Cemetery now in use was located in front of it. The present Church was dedicated April 21, 1907. The "Society of Friends" (official name) church school is Earlham College at Richmond, Indiana.

Mrs. Edna Peebles, organist

The Choir

Reverend A. Dale Giles

Middle Street Methodist Church

Almost any Sunday morning you can hear the chimes ring out from the tower of the Middle Street Methodist Church, inviting people to worship. This church's history began in 1884 when the "South Side Society" became part of a four-point circuit. Under the name of The Second Methodist Church, a new building and parsonage were erected in 1896; in 1897, the name was changed to The Middle Street Methodist Church. The present membership is 250, with a large preparatory class. The influence in civic life includes the membership of the Mayor, the Chief of Police, the County Sheriff, Secretary to the Chamber of Commerce, several teachers, policemen, firemen, nurses, athletes and honor roll students.

1948 Friends Church host to over 400 at Indiana Yearly Meeting.
Fifty memberships transferred from Liberty Center Church to Wabash Presbyterian.
Friends Church celebrates centennial.
Dedication of Collinge Memorial Chapel at First Methodist Church.
1949 Wabash Street Methodist congregation commemorates semicentennial.
W. C. Stinebaugh becomes pastor of Church of the Brethren.
First Baptist Church calls Reverend Charles E. Mitchell.
Dr. John G. Benson of "Spiritual Life Movement" at First Methodist Church.
1950 St. Bernard's breaks ground for new $200,000 school and church.

58 ACTIVE COUNTY CHURCHES OUTSIDE WABASH

The Wabash County Council of Churches serves as an agency for the promotion of activities of county-wide import. At present the Council officers are: J. E. Dotterer, Pres.; Kenneth Stout, Vice Pres.; Miriam Bowman, Sec'y-Treas. During the past year special attention has been given to Week-day Religious Education.

BAPTIST
- Primitive, Lafontaine,
- Stockdale, Disko Niconza

CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN:
- Liberty Mills
- Manchester College Chapel, No. Manchester
- Roann
- Wabash County-State Rd. 13, near Pearson's Mill
- West Eel River
- West Manchester

FIRST BRETHREN:
- No. Manchester
- Roann

Progressive CHURCH of the BRETHREN:
- College Corner

CATHOLIC:
- Lagro

CHURCH OF CHRIST:
- Boundary Line
- Silver Creek

CHRISTIAN:

Union Services held by all County Christian Churches on fifth Sunday of any month
- Bachelor Creek
- Dora
- Ijamsville
- Jennings Chapel
- Lafontaine
- Roann
- Somerset
- Treaty

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE SOCIETY:
- No. Manchester

CONGREGATIONAL CHRISTIAN:
- No. Manchester
- Servia

EVANGELICAL AND REFORMED:
- County Line, St. John's
- St. Peter's, Urbana

EVANGELICAL UNITED BRETHREN:
- Bethel
- Grace, Urbana
- Laketon
- Lebanon, Somerset
- Liberty Mills
- Lincolnville
- No. Manchester
- Rich Valley
- Speicherville
- Union Chapel

LUTHERAN:
- St. Peter's No. Manchester
- Zion, No. Manchester

MARTIN LUTHER AMERICAN

LUTHERAN

METHODIST:
- Asbury
- Disko
- Hopewell
- Ijamsville
- Lafontaine
- Lagro
- Lincolnville
- No. Manchester
- Roann
- Somerset

WESLEYAN METHODIST:
- Laketon

CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE:
- No. Manchester

PRESBYTERIAN:
- Lagro
- Peabody Memorial Home Chapel, No. Manchester

Mr. and Mrs. Wabash and family --- in Citizenship

CORA E. WILSON

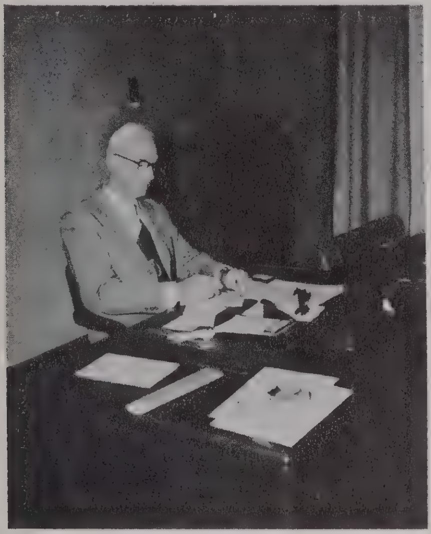
Distinguished Citizen 1949

"We are honoring you, Mrs. Cora E. Wilson, as a person who has continually devoted her time and talent for the benefit of the underprivileged. Your long record of unselfish service in charity and welfare programs is an inspiration to your fellow citizens. I am proud to have the honor to present to you the 1949 Distinguished Citizen Award."

—Dr. Frederick M. Whisler

Left to right: J. Vice, D. Pearson, R. J. McDaniel, L. Thompson, *Absent when photograph was taken*: H. Oswalt

City Council


Mayor E. A. Timmons

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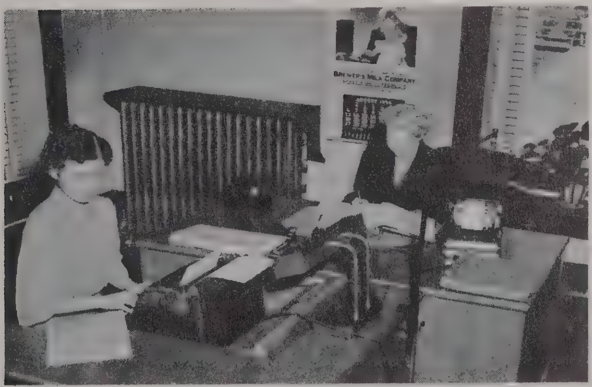
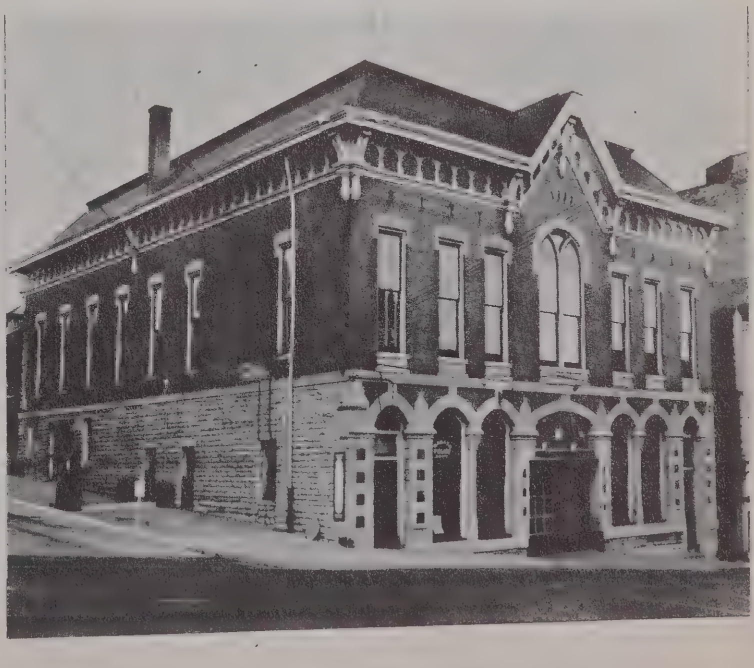
Alfred Plummer, *right,* City Attorney, with a R.E.M.C. official

The City Hall was built in 1883 *at a cost of about* $20,000. *Prior to* 1910 *the city of Wabash was protected only by a town marshall elected every two years by the citizens of Wabash.*


Mary Burwell, City Clerk-Treasurer, *right;* Joan Burwell, Secretary


City Hall

City Police Chief, Vear Howell and Zenno Malott, Assistant Chief

With the administration of Dr. James Wilson came the first salaried police department in 1910.

During the administration of Mayor Homer T. Showalter in 1930, *Harry Ridgeway, Chief of Police, started the first finger print file. Later came a radio receiving set and a two-way transmitter, also cars for patrol duty.*

City Police Department

Left to right, Front row: Sgt. D. Lavengood, R. Cox, H. Estes, S. Adamson, L. Jines, J. Oswald; *Back row*: Chief V. Howell, C. Reed, Sgt. R. Marks, Z. Mallott, J. Brainard, P. Kellar, A. Amann, Sgt. F. Aukerman, D. Cleveland, Mayor E. A. Timmons
Missing from photograph: Sgt. T. Watkins, P. Benson

A new source of revenue for city needs

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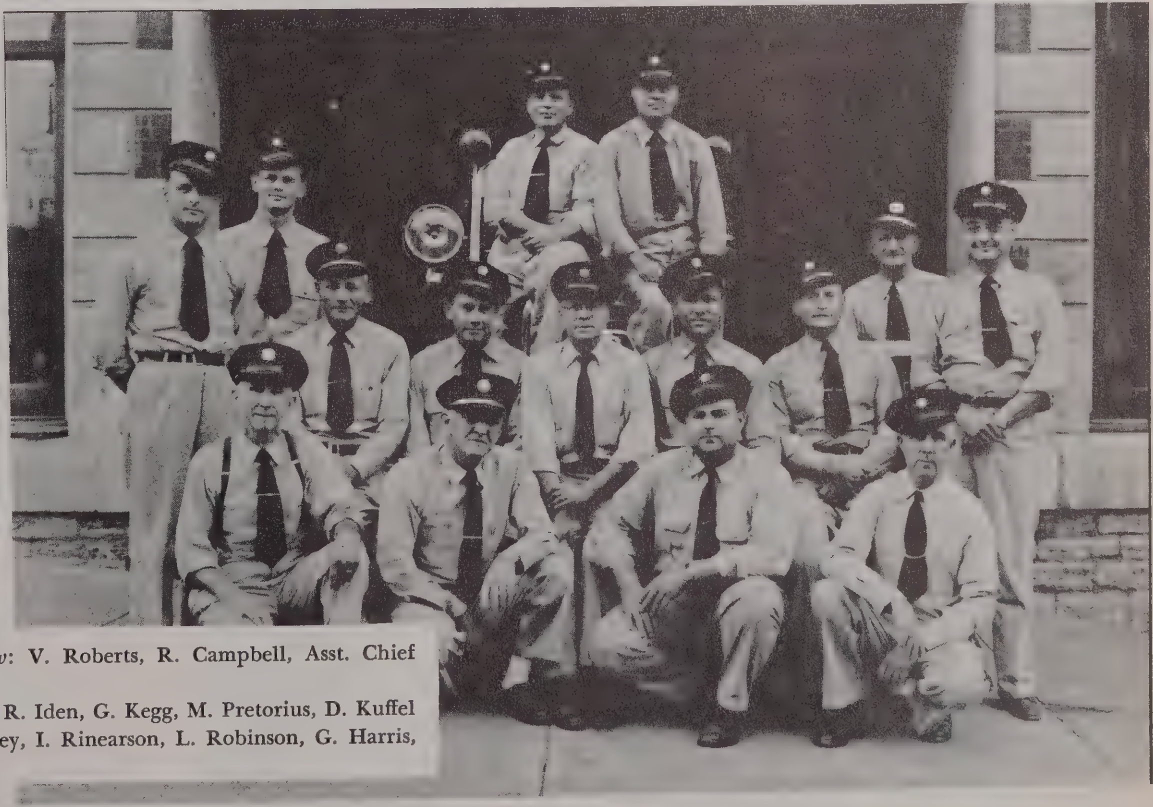
Fire ! !

Clarence Frank, Fire Chief; Ralph Campbell, Assistant Chief

The Fire Department last year made 139 *runs. Loss by fire in the same year was only* $25,084.



City Fire Department

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2nd row: C. Frank, Chief; R. Iden, G. Kegg, M. Pretorius, D. Kuffel

3rd row: E. Baer, R. Pulley, I. Rinearson, L. Robinson, G. Harris, Capt. E. Keefer

Gordon Watson, City Engineer

Today the city operates under a budget of $225,000.

City Street and Sanitation Departments

Bottom row: R. Wigner, R. Votra, W. Spradlin, R. Chaplin, L. Ross, G. Brown, D. Brown
Second row: W. Culver, F. McDaniel, A. Rucker, S. Rucker, H. Morris, W. Jackson, R. Weaver, E. Sizemore, E. Smurr
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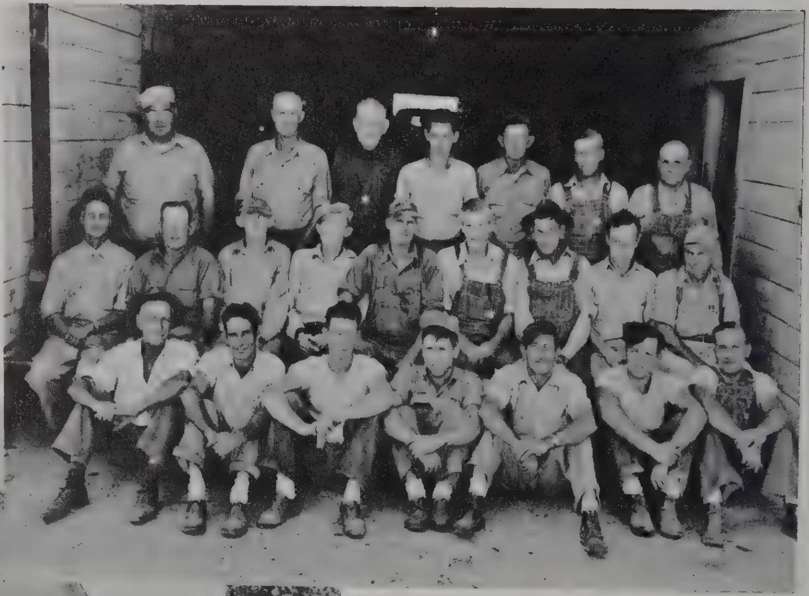


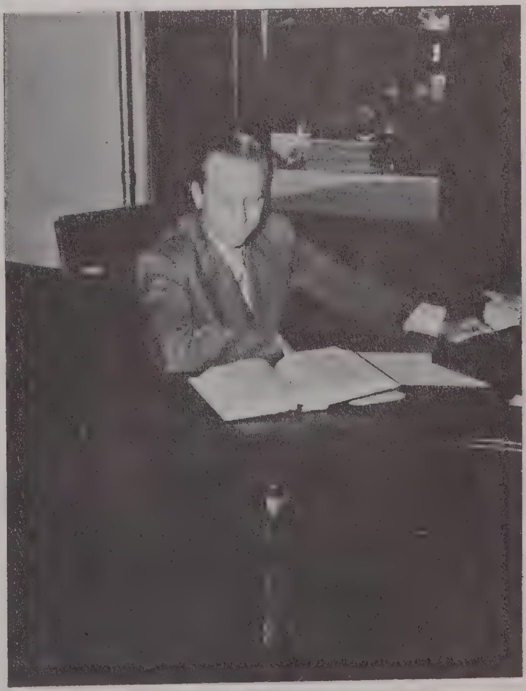
CITY OF WABASH
STREET DEPT.

City Street Department Equipment

County Commissioners
Left to right: Harvey Waggoner, Southern District; Clarence Walther, Northern District; *Absent*: Paul Brembeck, Middle District

After being in use for more than thirty years, the first Court House, which was built at a cost of "not less than $3,000," was destroyed by fire in 1871. *The present Court House was completed in* 1880 *at a cost of* $94,797.

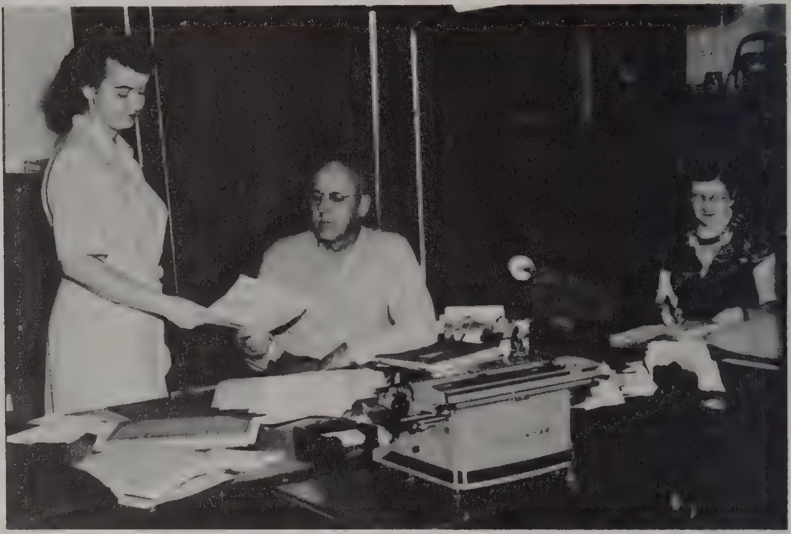
The Board of County Commissioners consists of three members elected in the county as a whole but serving separate districts, northern, middle and southern and operates a general fund budget of $230,000 *annually. General disbursements through the County Auditor's office total* $2,161,000 *annually. Included are disbursements for all tax units, welfare, hospital, schools, highway, special funds and so on.*



Raymond Brooks, County Attorney

Mary Anna Mossman, County Treasurer

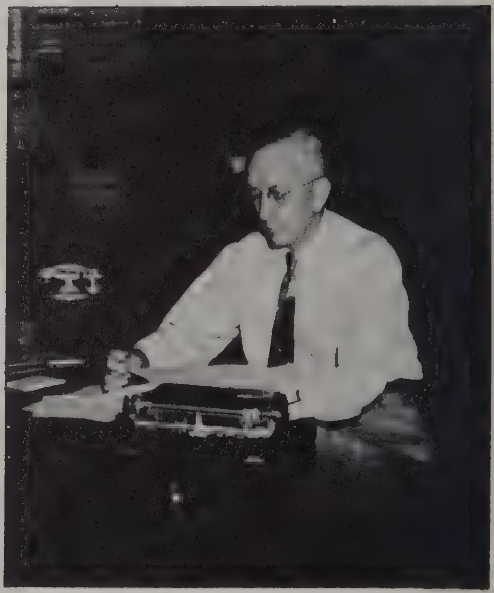
Ralph Webber, County Auditor; Marie Russell, Vera Fraustein



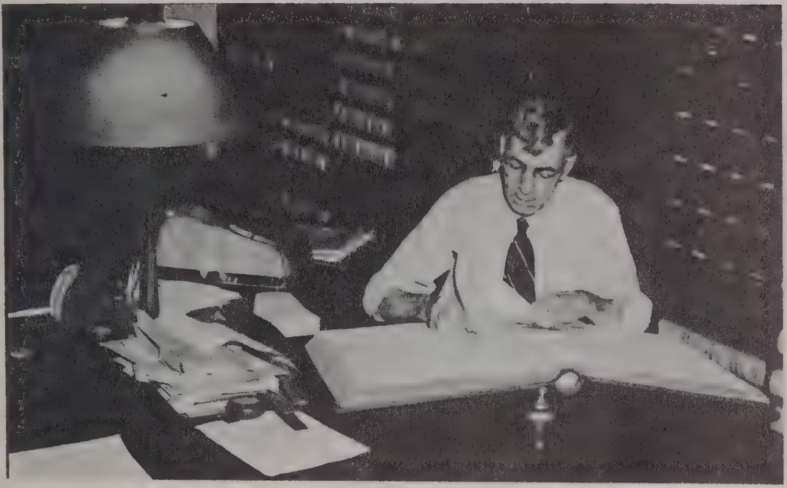
The total assessed valuation of real estate after deduction of mortgage and soldier exemption for 1950 *is* $26,378,490. *Less than* 1000 *horses were assessed in the entire county*—21 *mules.*

Earl E. Dale, County Recorder Mrs. Ruth Kilgore, Lavita Malott

Russell Stouffer, County Assessor



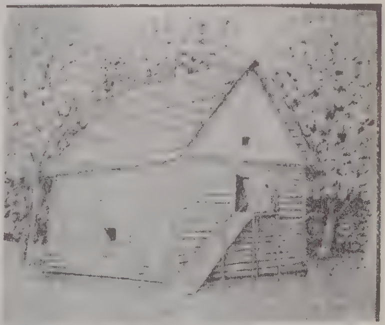
Howard Teel, Clerk, Wabash County Circuit Court



Byron C. Kennedy, Judge, Wabash County Circuit Court

During 1949, 427 *cases were completed in the circuit court of Wabash County;* 67 *divorces were granted;* 260 *marriage licenses were issued by the County Clerk. The Sheriff's office is equipped with police radio and with two Sheriff cars which are equipped to receive and send messages. Last year there were* 389 *arrests,* 57 *percent of which were for public intoxication.*

First County Jail, built in 1835



County Sheriff's Office

Left to right: Cecil Reynolds, Sheriff; Mrs. Keith Kiefaber, Office Deputy; Domer E. Ballard, Deputy Sheriff

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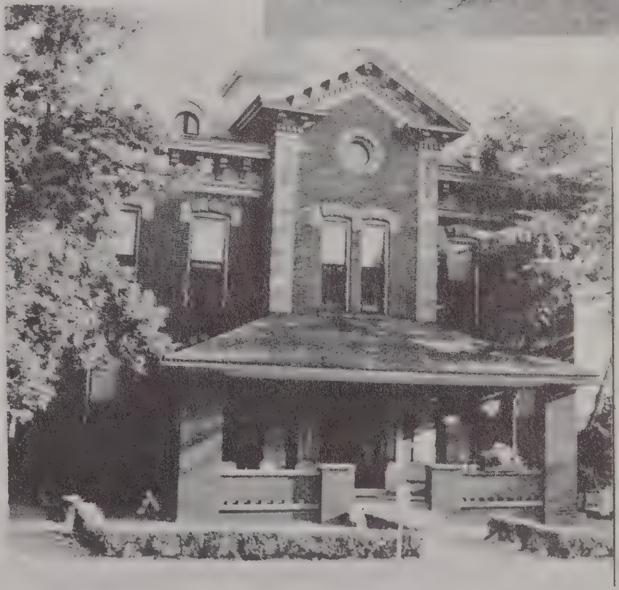
County Jail



County Nurses' Home

Public Health Nurse

County Public Health Nurse, Ivy M. Vaught, R.N., Eleanor Ballard

The Wabash County Hospital Building was erected in 1921 *at a cost of* $42,000. *It contains* 50 *rooms,* 16 *of which were furnished by private individuals. The budget the first year was* $15,000; *last year,* $175,000.

In 1928 *a north wing was built to provide eight bed rooms, two wards, a nursery and X-ray room. The Nurses' Home was constructed the same year to accommodate* 13 *nurses. Wabash County Chapter of the American National Red Cross was organized in May,* 1917. *It was very active in both World Wars, and has continued to expand and extend its services in peacetime. Rev. Leo Hoffman became president of the Board in* 1948.

County Hospital

American Red Cross Sewing Project
Left to right: Mrs. D. L. Leland, Mrs. Clinton Cooper, Mrs. Robert Kinerk

The Gray Ladies stand ready to serve

The County Welfare Department is charged with the administration of assistance to dependent children in their own home, old age assistance, services and assistance to other persons otherwise handicapped, the care and treatment of dependent, neglected and handicapped children, children in danger of becoming delinquent, and so on. Present Case Load—Old Age assistance— 284; *blind assistance and eye treatment* 10; *aid for dependent children* 54; *wards,* 80; *and parolees* 14.

County Welfare Department
Left to right: Mary B. Adams, Esther S. Shrader, T. L. Fougeres, Director, Grace Harnish, Sue B. Stevens, Lulu Denny

County Home

Raymond H. Crist
County Civilian Defense Officer

County Draft Board
Left to right: Forrest Vice, Dr. F. M. Whisler, Josephine Hiatt, Secretary, Clinton Cooper

The Veterans Service Officer performs all types of service work for veterans and their dependents—offers advice and assistance in connection with 650 laws on the Statute Books of Indiana and 1400 Federal Laws affecting veterans.

Forrest E. Baer, County
Veterans Service Officer

Memorial Hall

Spirit of '76
Left to right: Alfred "Shorty" Geeting,
Perry Cross, Dr. Don Harpham

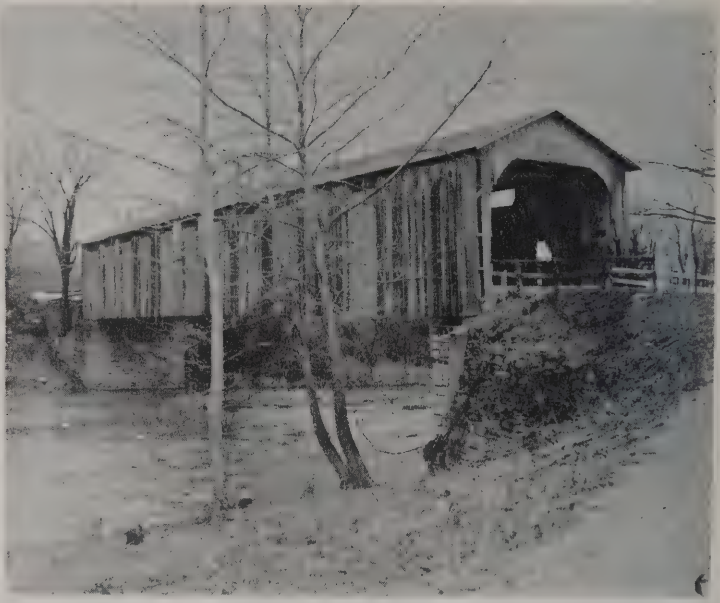
Ex-Mayor Homer T. Showalter

The National Guard was organized July, 1930. *The heavy mortar, after which the 293rd is named, is used in wartime for shelling the enemy at a short distance.*

The Armory

National Guard, 38th Division, 293rd Infantry
Regiment, Heavy Mortar Company

County Surveyor's Office, *left to right*: James R. Oliver, Mrs. Miller, Asher W. Gray, Surveyor

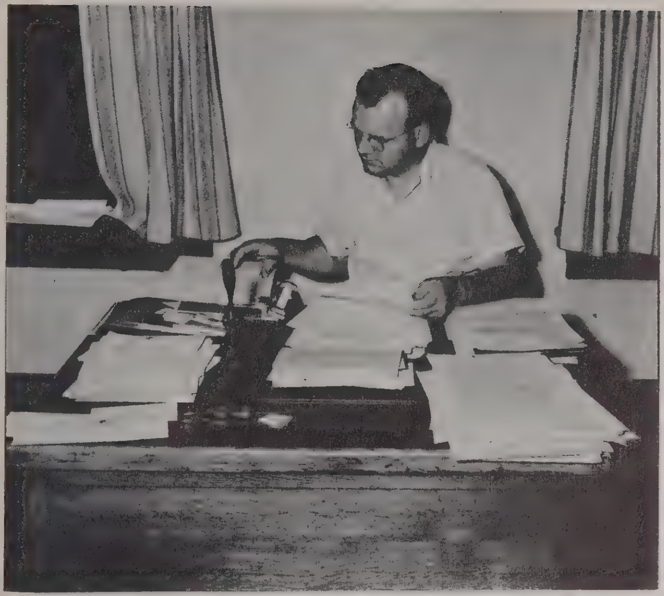


Covered Bridge at Dora, Built in 1861-2

There were three roads in the county at the time of organization: Logansport to Fort Wayne, 1828, *Marion to Wabash,* 1832, *Huntington to Wabash,* 1835.

First toll house for Chippewa road (4 *miles*) *was built in* 1851; *first gravel road,* 1858; 1879, *the Wabash and Lagro Turnpike Company organized;* 1897, *the county purchased the last toll road for* $6,750.

County Highway Garage



J. Ward Vandegrift, Prosecuting Attorney

LICENSE PLATE FEES
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State Auto License Bureau; Mrs. Robert P. Alber, Mildred J. Smith, Nella R. Morris, Manager

6200 *passenger cars and* 1150 *trucks were registered as of August* 1st *in the Wabash City State Auto License Bureau. This is* 5 *percent above the total registrations for* 1949.

Mr. and Mrs. Wabash and family are fortunate to have, within short driving distances, two State Parks, Salamonie and Frances Slocum, with shelters and outdoor ovens.

"Whitey" DeArmond of the State Police

State Highway Garage

United States Post Office Building

Asa Reynolds, Postmaster; H. K. Sundheimer, Assistant

Asa E. Reynolds has served as postmaster since 1940, *which is the longest record of service of postmasters in the history of the Office.*

The Post Office Building was built in 1912 *at a cost of* $75,000.

1907 *found rural routes motorized. Captain Henly drove; Frank Rettig would jump from the machine and put the mail in the box.*

First Air Mail Service from Wabash (1938)

Post Office Force

Left to right, bottom row: D. Lectron, J. Ball, J. Flynn, R. DeFord, G. Rudig, N. G. Lavengood, R. Lavengood, C. Brauneller

Top row: R. Lower, H. D. Hummer, A. Rudig, L. Horner, M. Coburn, D. Burk, Asa Reynolds, W. Crumrine, M. Pearson, C. A. Kessler, A. Bahler, C. Alber, H. K. Sundheimer, D. Chamness, K. Kudau

Absent when photograph was taken: J. Denny, R. Stoops, S. Jones

G. A. Smith, Federal Income Tax Officer

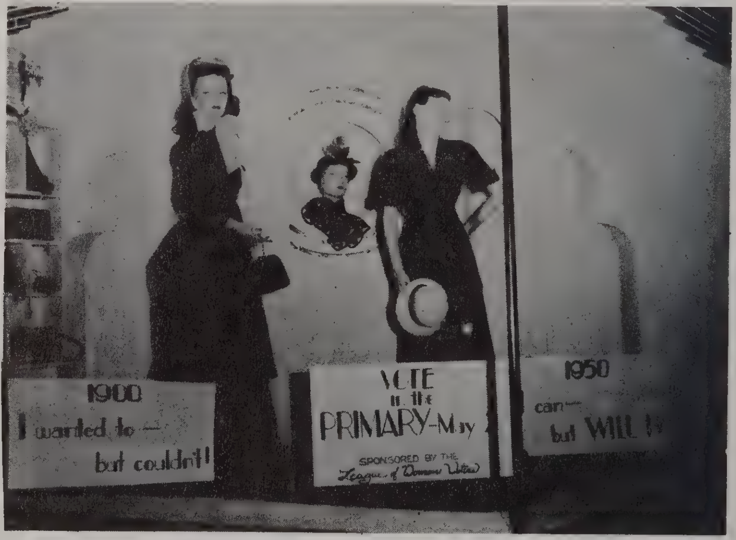
City mail delivery started in 1896

United States Post Office revenue from postage stamp sales in 1949 was $121,382.*The U. S. post office sold* 5138 *United States Savings Bonds with a face value of* $140,250 *last year.* 85,215 *C.O.D. deliveries were made. In the same period total postal savings certificates issued were* 6611 *with a face value of* $961,350, *paid certificates with a face value of* $1,007,179. *Total moneys received* $1,620,077, *disbursed* $1,379,568

Joe Kendall, County Chairman
Democratic Party

Harvey Waggoner, County
Chairman Republican Party

"Know your town" is the subject of this year's League of Women Voters' program study. This group was formed in 1949. The officers are: Mrs. D.C. Drill, President; Mrs. Vesta Murphy, 1st Vice Pres.; Mrs. Clement Coady, 2nd Vice Pres.; Mrs. Charles Scheerer, Secretary; Mrs. E. O. Ebbinghouse, Treasurer. The membership is 126.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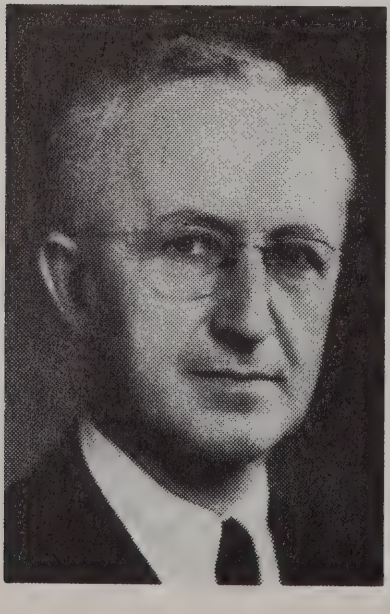
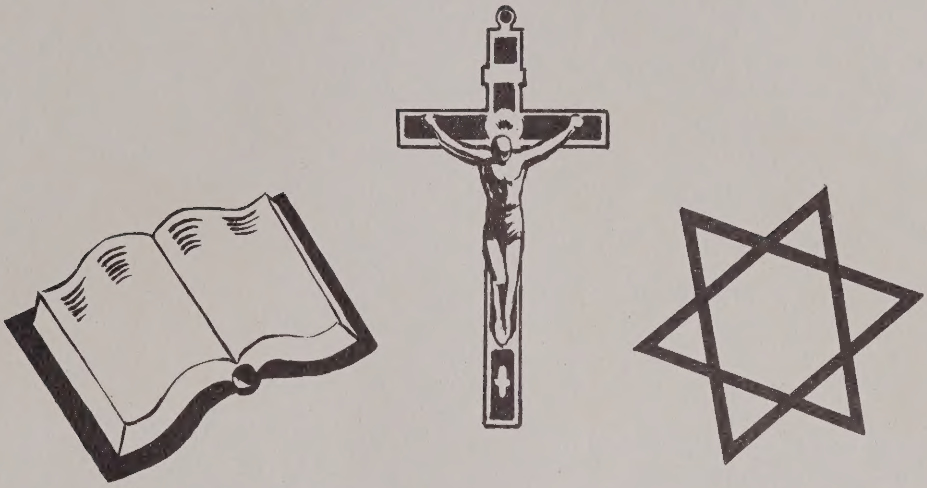
League of Women Voters tells its story with a decorated window



John V. Beamer, Representative of Wabash County to the Indiana General General Assembly; U. S. Congressional Aspirant



In The Footprints of the

GOD OF OUR FATHERS

Through these pictures of Community Life and living, walk Mr. and Mrs. Wabash and family in the footprints of the God of Love. Through lives of service in work, play, love and worship, the God of Truth stands revealed. Love engenders truth. Truth, motivated by love, opens the well-springs of honest effort.

Says the Man of God:

God is Love!

God is Truth!

Today Mr. and Mrs. Wabash and family live in the richness of their enduring heritage.

"In God We Trust"